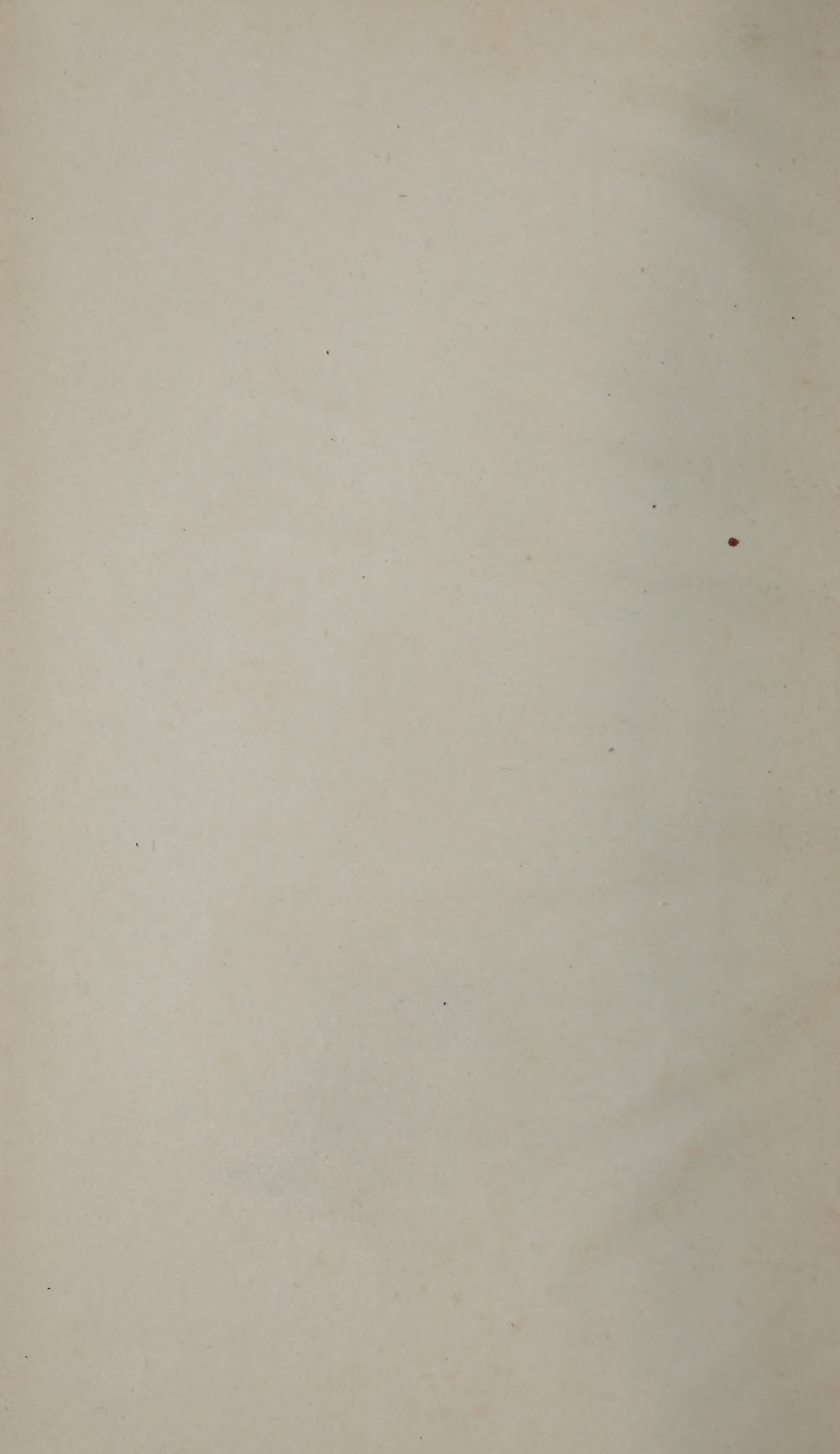


THIRTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
CITY OF KEENE,
1886.





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ORGANIZATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT.

TUESDAY, January 5, 1886.

The members elect of the City Government for the municipal year of 1886, having met for organization, agreeably to the provisions of the City Charter, the oath of office by law prescribed was administered to the Mayor elect, Hon. ALFRED T. BATCHELDER, by ex-Mayor Reuben Stewart. After the roll call by the City Clerk, His Honor Mayor Batchelder administered the oath of office to the following members elect of the Boards of Aldermen and Council, to wit:

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

- Ward 1. EDWARD GUSTINE.
- Ward 2. FRANKLIN H. FAY.
- Ward 3. SOLOMON F. MERRILL.
- Ward 4. CALEB T. BUFFUM.
- Ward 5. DeLOS C. BALL.

BOARD OF COMMON COUNCIL.

- EDWIN M. BULLARD.
- DAUPHIN W. WILSON.
- AZRO B. SKINNER.
- JOHN GOULD.
- EPHRAIM KENDALL.
- ROBERT B. MUNSELL.
- CHARLES WRIGHT, 2d.
- GEORGE E. WHITNEY.
- ALBERT W. GREEN.

JOSHUA D. STEVENS.
SAMUEL A. GEROULD, JR.
HENRY M. NIMS.
PARKER C. BUTLER.
HENRY O. SPAULDING.
LESTER K. STILES.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. W. H. Eaton, after which the Mayor delivered his inaugural address.

After the prayer and inaugural address, Samuel Nims was elected City Clerk, and Edwin O. Keith, City Messenger; after which the Common Council organized by the choice of Edwin M. Bullard as President and James E. Parmenter as Clerk.

MAYOR BATCHELDER'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the City Councils:

We are assembled this morning, in obedience to law and the wishes of our fellow citizens, to enter upon our respective duties in the management of the affairs of this municipality. Of those who have just taken the oath of office there are so many who have been connected with former city governments and are so thoroughly conversant with the affairs of our city and its ordinances, that it seems to me unnecessary at this time to do more than call your attention to a few matters which to me appear worthy of mention.

FINANCE.

The bonded indebtedness of the city has been reduced during the past year \$9500, leaving now outstanding bonds to the amount of \$339,500. Of the property belonging to the city, the City Hall, the city pasture, the water works, the horses and highway tools and apparatus, and the sinking fund yield to the city a direct income and save the expenditure of its money. The use made of this property and the income derived from it warrant the following valuations:

City Hall,	\$35,000
Pasture,	2,000
Water Works,	150,000
Horses, highway tools and apparatus,	2,000
Sinking fund,	23,176
Total,	<u>\$212,176</u>

This sum, deducted from the total bonded indebtedness, leaves \$127,324 for the payment of which, principal and interest, there is no provision aside from taxation and the balance in the treasury and uncollected taxes. As none of the outstanding bonds mature during the year, I suggest that the usual amount of money be raised by taxation and that \$10,000 be added to the sinking fund in order that the fund be so increased that it may be drawn from in 1889, when \$21,500 of water bonds mature, to aid in retiring that block without then increasing the rate of taxation. I also suggest that this sum be added to the fund immediately as the fund yields a larger income than the balance in the treasury. The sinking fund yields an income directly of 5 per cent. and indirectly of 1 per cent. additional, derived from the savings bank tax which is paid back to the city on all resident deposits, while the balance in the treasury yields only 3 per cent. Since the report of the Finance Committee was made the State bonds owned by the city have been sold at a handsome premium and the amount realized, \$2632.75, added to the sinking fund.

The purpose for which the sinking fund was created is fully set forth in the joint resolution passed by the Councils January 15, 1885.

SEWERAGE.

In this department there is little to be done except to see that the ordinary repairs are seasonably made and the whole system kept in its present high state of efficiency, and that some further connections with the system be made. The use of the old surface drains for sewerage purposes has almost entirely ceased and the number of sewer connections made during the past year—89 in all—furnishes proof that the value of our sewerage system is generally appreciated and that our citizens are availing themselves of its great advantages as rapidly as can be expected.

HIGHWAYS AND STREETS.

To this department I desire to call your special attention, as it is one of importance. There is no other department which comes under your management and control in which good management and a wise expenditure of money contribute so much to the safety, convenience, comfort and pleasure of our citizens and to the substantial benefits of the city. Our streets and highways are in generally good condition and require nothing more than ordinary repairs to continue them in such condition. The same may be said of our sidewalks in case the same kind of walks are to be continued in the future. But from such observation as I have been able to make it does not appear to me that keeping up our sidewalks upon our principal streets by the use of rotten stone from our quarry on Beech hill is either economical or advantageous. The present policy tends to raise the walks above the lands of abutters on the street and is at variance with the new policy of established grades. During the past year nothing more has been done under the present policy than was necessary to keep the sidewalks in a fair condition. Yet over 40 per cent. of the entire money appropriated for this department has been spent in putting rotten stone upon the sidewalks, and to continue this policy would require as large a percentage of the appropriation for the present year. The use of rotten stone upon walks where there is comparatively little travel is undoubtedly economical, because on such walks during the spring and at times of heavy rains the rotten stone surface has an opportunity to dry and harden without being mingled with the natural earth by the travel. Now that a permanent grade has been established upon the principal streets, more durable and, in the end, more economical walks can be constructed upon such streets with the assurance that they need not, for many years at least, be disturbed.

A properly constructed concrete walk which would last ten years without repairs would cost from \$5 to \$8 per rod of frontage, according to the width of the walk, and, in my opinion, would cost the city less money in a series of years than to continue the present use of rotten stone, to say nothing of the advantage of having a hard and dry walk at all times and at all seasons of the year.

I therefore recommend that at least \$1500 of the money appropriated for this department be expended this year in constructing concrete or some other permanent sidewalk upon the streets where the grade has been established, beginning the construction at the Square and running such distance as the appropriation will warrant, and that only such work be done upon the other walks upon said streets as is necessary to keep them in ordinary repair. I also recommend that one-third of the cost of such permanent walks be borne by the abutters, and, if necessary, that an ordinance requiring such payment be passed.

The expenditures for the coming year in this department will not necessarily be as large as in the past year. The town brook, so called, from French's carriage shop to Beaver brook, was found to be in such condition that it was rapidly becoming a nuisance instead of serving the purpose for which it was constructed. It was therefore relaid with 18-inch drain tile at an expense of about \$1300. The foul condition of the ditch from the Cheshire tannery across Pearl street, which has for years been the cause of much just complaint, has been remedied by the construction of an ample tile drain 1500 feet in length from the Ashuelot river to the point where the flow from the tannery passed under the railroad. The cost of this drain was about \$1400 and its working to the present time has been most satisfactory. The course of the town brook where it passed under the buildings of J. G. Warren has been changed at an expense

of about \$300, and thereby the source of considerable annoyance and expense to the city in the past has been removed. All these may be classed as extraordinary expenses and I know of no similar ones which will be necessary during the year before us.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

This department is in good condition and requires nothing beyond ordinary expenses except the purchase of a further amount of cotton fabric hose and modern hooks and ladders. The tests of the new fire alarm system which have been made warrant the conclusion that the system will prove efficient and satisfactory.

POLICE.

The requirements and ordinance relating to this department have been reasonably well observed during the year, and the Marshal and those under him have performed their duties faithfully. I have no recommendations to make other than that a strict observance of the ordinance be enforced.

WATER WORKS.

You will find upon examination of the report of the Superintendent of this department that the works are in a prosperous condition. Fifty-one connections have been made during the past year, making the number of connections at this time 1101. The net earnings from this department for the past year were \$10,626.29, being an increase of \$586.45 over the net earnings for the year 1884, and \$3836 more than the interest on the water bonds during the same time. The excess of rain and snow fall in this vicinity for the past year over that of previous years has caused a more abundant supply of water in our pond for the past year than was to be found there during either of the three previ-

ous years, consequently a shortage of water has not been so imminent as in times passed. Yet the city and its inhabitants are so utterly dependent upon these works for water for all purposes, and the results in case of a scant or partial supply would be so serious that the capacity of the pond by which we are furnished to provide an abundant quantity at all seasons and all times should be carefully investigated and considered. If, upon investigation, you find that the present works will not furnish an ample quantity of water with a reasonable margin for safety, then immediate action to render certain such supply should be taken.

THE POOR.

The expenses in this department have been larger during the past year than it was for previous years, yet I am not aware of any unnecessary or unwarranted expenditure. Your duties in this department are statutory and there is and should be no other way for conducting this branch of the government than to provide in a humane and proper manner for those who by reason of accident or misfortune are compelled to call upon the public for aid.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The duties of the Councils in this department are specifically defined by the city ordinances, the provisions of which you will no doubt gladly see carried out.

PUBLIC CEMETERIES.

I would call your attention to the neglected appearance of the cemetery on Washington street and suggest that something be done to overcome such appearance. The Superintendent is not at fault on account of the condition of these grounds and sur-

roundings, as he has not been called upon to perform labor or expend money upon the same. I would also suggest that all necessary precaution be taken to prevent injury to the stones, monumental and ornamental works within our cemeteries, concerning which complaint with good cause has been made during the past year, for which none of the officers could be reasonably blamed.

STREET LIGHTS.

In this department six new gas lamps and nine new gasoline lamps have been put in during the past year, and it is safe to say that the demands in this line for the coming year will be light. Complaint has been made of late that the gasoline lamps were not at all times lighted according to contract. This matter should receive prompt attention and the lamps caused to be lighted at all proper times.

UNCOLLECTED TAXES.

The report of the Tax Collector indicates a favorable condition in this department, there being at this time only \$9571.83 of the last tax uncollected, \$3300 having been collected since the report was made. Of the '84 taxes there remain uncollected \$314.43.

CONCLUSION.

The reports of the heads of the various departments are open to you. They furnish full and detailed statements in regard to each and every transaction of the last government. I trust you will examine them with the desire that the future may profit by the past. And in entering upon the duties of the office we have accepted we should fully comprehend and understand that we have assumed the responsibility of an important trust in which every citizen of the municipality has interests to be protected and

rights to be observed. In administering this trust we should see that funds are only expended in meeting demands made definite by the statutes of the State and the ordinances of the city, unless it clearly and affirmatively appears that the public good demands such expenditure.

KEENE CITY GOVERNMENT.

1886.

MAYOR.

ALFRED T. BATCHELDER.

City Clerk, SAMUEL NIMS,* MILTON BLAKE.†

ALDERMEN.

- WARD 1. Edward Gustine.
WARD 2. Franklin H. Fay.
WARD 3. Solomon F. Merrill.
WARD 4. Caleb T. Buffum.
WARD 5. DeLos C. Ball.
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COMMON COUNCILMEN.

EDWIN M. BULLARD, President.

WARD 1. Edwin M. Bullard, Dauphin W. Wilson, Azro B. Skinner.

WARD 2. John Gould, Ephraim Kendall, Robert B. Munsell.

WARD 3. Charles Wright, 2d, George E. Whitney, Albert W. Green.

* Deceased August 18, 1886.

† Elected September 2, 1886.

WARD 4. Joshua D. Stevens, Samuel A. Gerould, Jr., Henry M. Nims.

WARD 5. Parker C. Butler, Henry O. Spaulding, Lester K. Stiles.

James E. Parmenter, Clerk.

JOINT STANDING COMMITTEES.

Finance.—The Mayor, Alderman Buffum, Councilmen Gould and Wright.

Schools.—Alderman Fay, Councilmen Spaulding and Skinner.

Lands and Buildings.—Alderman Fay, Councilmen Butler and Stiles.

Bridges.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Nims and Wilson.

Streets and Drains.—Alderman Buffum, Councilmen Gould and Kendall.

Burying Grounds.—Alderman Merrill, Councilmen Spaulding and Green.

Fire Department.—Alderman Gustine, Councilmen Butler and Munsell.

Lamps and Lamp Posts.—Alderman Merrill, Councilmen Stevens and Munsell.

Water Works and Sewers.—Alderman Gustine, Councilmen Gerould and Stiles.

Printing.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Stevens and Skinner.

Engrossed Bills.—Alderman Ball, Councilmen Nims and Whitney.

Claims and Accounts.—Alderman Merrill, Councilmen Gould and Whitney.

Public Library.—Alderman Fay, Councilmen Wright and Green.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Aldermen Merrill, Fay and Ball.

Licenses.—Aldermen Merrill, Ball and Fay.

Simmons and Ministerial Funds.—Aldermen Gustine, Ball and Fay.

Police.—Aldermen Merrill, Ball and Fay.

Claims.—Full Board.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Bills on their Second Reading.—Councilmen Stiles, Kendall and Wilson.

Elections and Returns.—Councilmen Spaulding, Nims and Wright.

City Hall.—The Mayor, Councilman Gould, City Messenger E. O. Keith.

CITY AUDITOR.

Charles H. Hersey.

CITY SOLICITOR.

John T. Abbott.

CITY TREASURER.

Henry O. Coolidge.

COLLECTOR.

Samuel O. Gates.

CITY OF KEENE.

CITY MESSENGER.

Edwin O. Keith.

CITY MARSHAL.

Edwin R. Locke.

CONSTABLES.

E. O. Keith and E. R. Locke.

POLICE JUSTICE.

Edward Farrar.

CITY PHYSICIAN.

Ira J. Prouty.

SEXTON.

N. G. Gurnsey.

OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

Philander Howland.

SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERIES.

N. G. Gurnsey.

SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS.

Elmer A. Nims.

SUPERINTENDENT OF WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

Daniel H. Sawyer.

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

John Humphrey, N. G. Gurnsey, E. S. Foster.

LIBRARIAN.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Converse.

ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Miss Zeolide B. Gilmore.

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY.

D. W. Gilbert.

Mrs. E. J. C. Gilbert.

C. H. Hersey.

Miss Kate L. Tilden.

W. P. Chamberlain.

Mrs. M. R. Osborne.

HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

Ira J. Prouty, M. D.

Edmund P. Dole.

Milton Blake.

ASSESSORS.

Sylvanus A. Morse.

Daniel R. Cole.

Daniel A. Brown.

CHIEF ENGINEER OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

George D. Wheelock.* John A. Batchelder.†

* Resigned June 7, 1886.

† Elected July 1, 1886, to fill vacancy.

ASSISTANT ENGINEERS.

J. A. Batchelder.	Charles G. Farrar.
Wm. H. Reyoum.	George F. Howe.
Michael L. Landers.	Reuben Ray.

POLICE OFFICERS.

Joseph H. Spofford.	Joseph W. Cummings.
Theodore H. Bolio.	Walter C. Fassett.
Edwin O. Keith.	Henry M. Darling.
William H. Reyoum.	C. K. Pemberton.
George D. Wheelock.	Reuben Ray.
R. J. Holt.	J. S. Richardson.
Charles Wright.	Roswell C. Ross.
James H. Smith.	Luther H. Starkey.
Fred H. Wilson.	Amasa Plastridge.
Henry H. Haines.	Henry B. Dean.

SURVEYORS OF WOOD.

C. K. Pemberton.	G. H. Follansbee.
M. A. Stowell.	Mortimer Reardon.
C. A. Mason.	Eugene Seaver.
Z. K. Graves.	S. H. Holman.
H. C. Fairbanks.	T. H. Bolio.
A. E. Bennett.	E. R. Gerould.
James H. Smith.	

SURVEYORS OF LUMBER.

C. K. Pemberton.	J. Wilson.
M. A. Stowell.	D. C. Thompson.
C. A. Mason.	M. E. Buckminster.
S. H. Holman.	O. C. Mansfield.
O. H. Fay.	Henry N. Stone.
F. H. Fay.	

WEIGHERS.

H. P. Muchmore.	H. A. Woodward.
F. E. Foster.	George H. Giffin.
L. W. Hammond.	Luther P. Alden.
George E. Fuller.	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Samuel Nims.	Milton Blake.
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WARD OFFICERS.

MODERATORS.

Ward 1. Joseph B. Abbott.	Ward 3. John W. Babbitt.
Ward 2. Chas. G. Farrar.	Ward 4. Zebina G. Graves.
Ward 5. Fred L. Pitcher.	

SELECTMEN.

Ward 1. Charles W. Buckminster, Richard W. Ward, Herbert A. Davis.
Ward 2. Geo. C. Wood, Carlos L. Seavey, Frank O. Wright.
Ward 3. Fred W. Chase, Frank M. Davis, Reuben Ray.
Ward 4. Oscar H. Fay, Theodore H. Bolio, Myron C. Ellis.
Ward 5. Calvin H. Ellis, Charles H. Butler, John G. Lesure.

WARD CLERKS.

Ward 1. Ainsworth M. Nims.	Ward 3. Ira D. Gates.
Ward 2. Walter W. Glazier.	Ward 4. Michael L. Landers.
Ward 5. Frank E. Wheelock.	

SUPERVISORS.

Ward 1. Henry H. Beckwith. Ward 3. John T. Abbott.
Ward 2. Henry W. Nims. Ward 4. Daniel A. Brown.
Ward 5. Laton Martin.

ORDINANCES AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS.

Passed by the City Councils in 1886.

CITY OF KEENE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
AND EIGHTY-SIX.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to stopping of vaccinations.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That vaccinations ordered by a joint resolution passed September 15, 1885, be revoked from and after this date, and that the clerk be and hereby is instructed to notify the two physicians elected under that vote, of the passage of this joint resolution.

Passed January 7, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to regular meetings.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the City Councils meet on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 7.30 o'clock p. m. for general business.

Passed January 7, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to annual appropriations.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That in accordance with the recommendations of the finance committee, the following sums be appropriated for the various departments, and that \$30,000 be raised by taxation the present year, and that the balance of said sum be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Ordinary city charges,	\$6,000 00
City paupers,	2,500 00
Highways and bridges,	7,500 00
Public sewers, new,	500 00
Fire department,	2,500 00
Police,	2,000 00
Lighting streets,	2,000 00
Public library,	500 00
Public library support,	500 00
Memorial service,	150 00
Interest on sewer loan,	2,800 00
Interest on M. & K. R. R. bonds,	6,400 00
Amount to be added to sinking fund,	10,000 00
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	\$43,350 00

Passed January 7, 1886.

• A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the "sinking fund."

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized to draw from the funds in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars, and place the same to the credit of the "sinking fund" now on deposit in the name of the "Treasurer of the City of Keene."

The object of this additional deposit being to provide, in part, for the payment of the water bonds amounting to \$21,700, maturing in 1889.

Passed January 21, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the ministerial fund.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Treasurer be and hereby is authorized and instructed to so arrange with the savings banks, now having on deposit the " sinking " and " ministerial funds," that the entire income from the " ministerial fund " will become due at the same date, and that each bank in which said funds are now deposited may retain an equal share of the gross amount of said funds.

Passed February 4, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to water supply.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a committee of five be appointed consisting of two Aldermen and three Councilmen to investigate the different feasible sources of additional water supply, and ascertain, so far as may be, the amount for which the necessary rights connected with each such supplies can be purchased, and to report at some future meeting.

Passed March 4, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to salary of Engineer, etc.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the salary of Engineer, Assistant Engineer, Fireman and Steward of the Steamer Company for the year commencing January 1, 1886, be as follows, in addition to their regular pay as firemen : Engineer, \$60 ; Assistant Engineer, \$25 ; Fireman, \$10 ; Steward, \$50.

Recommended by the Committee on Fire Department.

Passed March 4, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to purchasing hose for fire department.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Committee on Fire Department be authorized to purchase ten hundred feet of cotton hose for the use of the fire department, and to sell eight hundred feet of the condemned hose, the new hose to be paid for from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed March 18, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to extension of fire alarm.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Joint Standing Committee on Fire Department be authorized to purchase a suitable electric striker and place the same in working order on the city hall bell in connection with the electric fire alarm, and to move the gong now on the telephone office to the Deluge engine house. The committee are further authorized to purchase an electric fire alarm box and place the same near the Cheshire Railroad shops ; also to arrange to have one or more steam whistles sounded in case of fire, and the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars is hereby appropriated to defray the expense of such extension of the fire alarm.

Passed April 1, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to gift of land for public park.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

First. That the conveyance of the tract of land known as the fair grounds this day made to the city by George A. Wheelock, Esq., for the purpose of creating a public pleasure ground or park be accepted by the city upon the trust therein named.

Second. That said property shall hereafter be named "Wheelock Park."

Third. That in accepting this gift in behalf of the city, the City Councils desire to express their deep appreciation of the thoughtful generosity and public spirit of the donor in thus permanently providing for all its citizens a pleasant and healthful place of public resort.

Passed April 1, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to additional water supply.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the special committee to investigate the matter of additional water supply be and hereby are authorized to purchase the rights and privileges formerly owned by Hon. S. W. Hale at and about Woodward pond, in Roxbury, in the county of Cheshire, provided such privileges and rights can be obtained for the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, and if said purchase cannot be made for the amount aforesaid, then and in that case the committee are hereby instructed to investigate other sources of water supply and to make such surveys as may be necessary in connection with such investigation. In case such purchase is made, said committee are authorized to pay for the same from funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 13, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to salaries of Board of Education.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the sum of fifteen dollars be paid to each member of the Board of Education for services for the year ending March 1,

1886, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed April 15, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in relation to additional water supply.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a joint special committee of five, two Aldermen and three Councilmen, be appointed by the Mayor and President of the Common Council to act in connection with the Water Commissioners, and the same to be vested with full and complete authority to procure by purchase or otherwise all the rights and privileges required to furnish the city of Keene with an additional supply of water, providing a sum of money not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars is required for the above purpose, and whatever sum is wanted by the committee to use as above to be paid out of any unexpended funds in the city treasury.

Passed May 6, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to salary of Steward of Hook and Ladder company.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Steward of Hook and Ladder company receive five dollars per year more than that now allowed by the city, to take effect April 1, 1886.

Passed May 6, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to the erection of a fire alarm box near the Beaver Mills.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Committee on Fire Département are authorized to erect a fire alarm box near the Beaver Mills, with the agreement on the part of the Beaver Mills company that they will sound their steam whistle in case of fire alarm, free of charge, the box to be paid for from money already appropriated for fire alarm purposes.

Passed May 6, 1886.

AN ORDINANCE amending section 9 of chapter 31 of the City Ordinances.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That section 9, chapter 31 of the City Ordinances be amended by striking out the word "four" after the word "of" in the third line of said section, and inserting in place thereof the word "five," so that the section shall read as follows :

"Section 9. The Collector of Taxes and Water Assessments of the city shall receive in full for his services, and all duties appertaining to his office, the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars per year, to be paid in equal quarterly payments."

Passed June 14, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to additional water supply.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That a committee consisting of the Mayor, two Aldermen and three Councilmen be appointed to procure all lands, rights and privileges necessary to properly connect the system of water supply recommended by the committee on additional water supply with the present system of said city ; such lands, rights and privileges shall be procured by purchase so far as the same can be done at a reasonable price, and in cases when the same cannot be so obtained, such committee shall proceed to take such land, rights and privileges under and by virtue of Chap. 181 of Laws

of 1885. They shall also have power to procure all the necessary pipe, employ engineers, overseers and laborers to accomplish all the work necessary to construct the system recommended as aforesaid and connect the same with the present system, and for the accomplishment of said work the sum of thirty-seven thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, and said committee is hereby authorized to use any money of the city not otherwise appropriated, or to borrow money on short time on the credit of the city, or to bond the city, as authorized by said chapter, for a sum not exceeding the amount appropriated, for the accomplishment of said work, and said committee is hereby authorized to call on the Water Commissioners for such advice and assistance as may be desired of them, and that measures be at once taken for a vigorous prosecution of the work above referred to.

Passed June 14, 1886.

AN ORDINANCE relating to amendment of an ordinance establishing salary of Superintendent of Water Works.

Be it ordained by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That section 21 of chapter 31 be amended by striking out the word "seven" in the second line and inserting in place thereof the word "eight," so the section when amended shall read as follows : "The Superintendent of Water Works and Sewers shall receive in full for his services the sum of eight hundred dollars, payable in equal monthly payments.

Passed June 17, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to improvement of streets.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That inasmuch as the most judicious expenditure of the money raised by taxation is required of the City Councils, the best

approved methods should be used in applying the funds of the city to the purpose for which they are appropriated, and,

Whereas, we believe the great expense in repairing our streets can be materially reduced and at the same time their condition greatly improved by the adoption of improved appliances for doing the work, it is recommended that to our principal thoroughfares there be applied a heavy coating of broken stone as the most economical method of keeping them in a creditable condition, and with this in view it is further resolved, that a committee be appointed, consisting of one Alderman and two Councilmen, whose duty it shall be to obtain all necessary information in regard to the cost of a suitable stone crusher and steam power to drive it, together with the selection of a proper place to locate the same for operation, and submit their report for consideration to the next regular meeting of the city government.

Passed July 1, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to next regular meeting.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That when this board adjourn it be to meet September 2, 1886, at 7.30 o'clock p. m.

Passed July 1, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to exempting taxes.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

Whereas, I. J. Dunn of Gardner, Mass., proposes, either by himself or in connection with other parties, to purchase land, erect buildings and carry on the business of manufacturing chairs and other articles made of wood, in said Keene,—

Now be it resolved, that such land and buildings which he may erect, including machinery and capital used in operating the business carried on by him therein, shall be exempt from

taxation for the term of ten years from the time of the commencement of said business.

Passed October 7, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to appropriations, additional.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That additional appropriations be made for the support of fire department, lighting streets, city paupers, highways and bridges, and steamer house extension, as follows, to wit:

For Fire department,	\$600 00
Lighting streets,	1,000 00
City paupers,	1,000 00
Highways and bridges,	2,500 00
Steamer house extension,	240 00
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	\$5,340 00

Passed October 21, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to school money.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene, as follows:

That the money by law assessed in the city of Keene for the support of schools the present year, and the portion of literary fund assigned to the city, be apportioned among the school districts as follows, to wit: Seventy-five dollars to be assigned to each district for each school therein, and the remainder to be apportioned according to the number of scholars in each district respectively, less the sum which has been paid by order passed June 14, 1886.

Passed November 4, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to improvements at steamer house.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the Joint Standing Committee on Lands and Buildings be authorized to put in a bulk-head and cement the cellar at the steamer house, and that the same be paid from any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed November 4, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to pay of firemen and others for work at brush fire.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That the sum of one hundred and forty-three dollars be appropriated to pay firemen and others employed on forest fires, that the amount be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed November 18, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION authorizing the Keene water loan.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows :

That thirty-seven thousand dollars of bonds of the city of Keene in denominations of one thousand dollars each, to be designated "Keene water loan," be issued and sold at not less than par, agreeably to Chap. 181 of Laws of 1885, and the proceeds applied in payment of the appropriation made by joint resolution of the City Councils passed June 14, 1886, entitled "A joint resolution relating to additional water supply." Seven thousand dollars of said bonds to be payable January 1, 1910, ten thousand dollars of said bonds to be payable January 1, 1911, ten thousand dollars of said bonds to be payable January 1, 1912,

and ten thousand dollars of said bonds to be payable January 1, 1913, and to bear semi-annual interest coupons at the rate of three and one-half per cent. per annum from the first day of January, 1887, the principal and interest payable at some bank in Boston, Massachusetts, said bonds to bear the seal of the city and to be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the City Treasurer.

Resolved that the Joint Standing Committee on Finance be and hereby are authorized and instructed to carry the foregoing resolution into effect.

Passed December 2, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION in favor of N. G. Gurnsey and others.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the sum of six hundred and fifty-seven dollars and sixty cents from the appropriation of June 14, 1886, entitled "A joint resolution relating to additional water supply," be paid to N. G. Gurnsey, Edward Gustine, John Humphrey and Edwin S. Foster, in accordance with the recommendation of the joint special committee on additional water supply.

Passed December 2, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to public library.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That the Joint Standing Committee on Public Library be authorized to put a storm door and outside windows on the library, and make such other repairs as they in their judgment may deem best, and that the same be paid for out of any fund in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed December 2, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to additional appropriation.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That an additional appropriation of \$3000 be made for highways and bridges, and that the same be paid from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Passed December 2, 1886.

A JOINT RESOLUTION relating to discontinuance of highway.

Resolved by the City Councils of the City of Keene as follows:

That so much of the highway described on page 164 of the city records of highways and town lines as lies within twenty-seven feet from the southerly line of the layout aforesaid and southerly of the south line of Marlborough street as originally laid or as now used, be and hereby is discontinued.

Passed December 16, 1886.

SAMUEL NIMS.

SAMUEL NIMS, City Clerk, died on the evening of August 18, 1886, after an illness of but a few hours, at the age of 48 years, 8 months, 15 days. A special meeting of the City Councils was called on Friday evening, August 20, to take appropriate action in regard to the same, and the following resolutions were passed :

Whereas, We have met this evening, in obedience to the calls of a sentiment of sorrow and sadness, which prevails in our community, occasioned by the loss of one who was universally loved and respected ; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That our City Councils desire to place upon their record their sense of the loss sustained by this community in the death of Mr. Samuel Nims, our very efficient City Clerk.

Resolved, That in the comparatively brief period which he had occupied the position of City Clerk, he had, by his strict integrity, industry and ability made himself exceedingly useful, trusted, and universally beloved.

Resolved, That in his kindly greeting, his genial nature, and in other commendable attributes of his character we recognize that element which has won our love and respect, and which will not easily be forgotten by any who knew him, and will be ever cherished by all who were associated with him in life.

Resolved, That the sympathy of our city government is extended to the family of Mr. Nims in this their great bereavement, and as a token of the respect of the City Councils to his memory, it is resolved that His Honor the Mayor, the President of the Common Council, and all members of both branches of our city government be and are hereby requested to attend his funeral.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolutions be entered upon the records of the city government and a copy of the same be sent to the family of the deceased.

ANNUAL REPORTS.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Joint Standing Committee on Finance respectfully lay before the City Councils the following statement of all receipts and expenditures from December 1, 1885, to December 1, 1886, together with a schedule of property, real and personal, belonging to the city, and the value thereof, and the amount of the city debt.

EXPENDITURES.

CITY OFFICERS AND ORDINARY CITY CHARGES.

Balance appropriation Dec. 1, 1885,	\$2,826 61
Amount appropriated, 1886,	6,000 00
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	\$8,826 61

PAID.

1885.

Dec. Keene Furniture Co., shelf,	\$ 75
Edward Farrar, Justice fees,	74 00
Samuel Nims, postage stamps,	4 00
M. J. Sherman, food for tramps,	30 00
E. R. Locke, fees in criminal cases,	48 28
J. C. Rice, fees in police court cases,	13 29
J. B. Abbott, services as Police Justice,	42 00
G. C. Hill, vaccinating,	210 70

Dec. E. R. Locke, postage stamps,	\$3 70
G. H. Aldrich & Son, insurance on city hall,	62 50
J. T. Abbott, fees in supreme court cases,	72 00
F. N. Wood, care of ward room,	2 00
Bullard & Foster, disinfectants,	45
Samuel Nims, copying old records,	25 50
Chas. H. Hersey, salary as Auditor, 1885,	25 00
S. A. Morse, salary as Assessor, 1885,	30 00
D. A. Brown, " " "	30 00
D. R. Cole, " " "	30 00
James E. Parmenter, salary as Clerk, 1885,	12 50
Henry Purcell, salary as Superintendent of Cemetery, 1885,	25 00
A. T. Batchelder, salary as Mayor, 1885,	50 00
Samuel Nims, salary as Clerk, 1885,	83 33
John T. Abbott, salary as Solicitor, 1885,	25 00
S. M. Dinsmoor, fees, births and deaths,	10 50
Albert W. Green, salary as Selectman,	5 00
Fred W. Chase, " "	5 00
Albert Wright, " "	5 00
Oscar H. Fay, " "	5 00
Theodore H. Bolio, " "	5 00
Myron C. Ellis, " "	5 00
Calvin H. Ellis, " "	5 00
Charles H. Butler, " "	5 00
John Driscoll, " "	5 00
Hosea Foster, salary as Clerk,	5 00
Geo. E. Poole, " "	5 00
M. L. Landers, " "	5 00
F. E. Wheelock, " "	5 00
A. M. Nims, salary as Clerk and recording,	6 00
G. H. Bridgman, Health Officer,	20 00
C. F. Rowell, " "	20 00
D. H. Wood, " "	20 00
C. L. Seavey, salary as Selectman,	5 00
Geo. C. Wood, " "	5 00
L. W. Foskett, " "	5 00
H. A. Davis, " "	5 00

Dec. R. W. Ward, salary as Selectman,	\$5 00
C. W. Buckminster, " "	5 00
Fred L. Pitcher, salary as Moderator,	2 00
Z. K. Graves, " "	2 00
James Marsh, " "	2 00
Chas. G. Farrar, " "	2 00
G. E. Whitney, " "	2 00
Henry O. Coolidge, salary as Treasurer,	50 00
E. O. Keith, salary as Messenger,	100 00
John T. Abbott, salary as Supervisor,	7 50
W. E. Burdett, " "	7 50
D. A. Brown, " "	7 50
James H. Smith, " "	7 50
H. H. Beckwith, " "	7 50
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	\$1,269 00

1886.

Jan. Geo. B. Twitchell, paid for cleaning monument,	\$7 00
Samuel Nims, reporting deaths and marriages,	30 90
Sentinel Printing Co., printing City Reports, blanks, etc., and advertising, 1885,	308 05
Davis, Wright & Co., coal hod and work in Clerk's office,	1 68
A. H. Grimes, brooms, matches, soap, etc.,	1 02
W. H. Spalter & Co., books, etc.,	36 25
I. J. Prouty, reporting births and deaths,	2 25
Geo. W. Flagg, " " "	6 00
W. R. Dunham, " " "	4 00
W. H. Porter, " " "	25
G. B. Twitchell, " " "	7 50
Samuel Nims, paid cleaning Council rooms,	1 00
John T. Abbott, complaints and warrants,	19 50
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, sundries,	21
Frank E. Wheelock, recording vote of Ward 5,	1 00

Jan. Geo. E. Poole, recording vote of Ward 2,	\$1 00	
M. L. Landers, recording vote of Ward 4,	1 00	
J. W. Cummings, ordinary stage work,	21 00	
Kirk & Sewall, supplies and work, city hall,	49 97	
Samuel Nims, recording births,	24 90	
G. F. Little, stage work,	15 00	
J. W. Cummings, stage work,	10 40	
Geo. H. Bridgman, births and deaths,	2 50	
D. C. King, putting down carpet in vault,	35	
Geo. H. Tilden & Co., books,	13 51	
Geo. H. Tilden & Co., books, paper and envelopes,	6 25	
P. St. Germain, recording birth,	25	
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing blanks and advertising,	67 33	
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Feb. Ashuelot National Bank, ink,	\$1 50	
Geo. H. Bridgman, expenses, Board of Health,	2 35	
H. W. Hubbard, repairs in radiator, etc.,	1 00	
Bullard & Foster, feather duster,	2 00	
Ladd & Nims, meals for tramps,	9 00	
D. K. Healey, insurance on city hall,	62 50	
Fisher & Jackson, curtain for city hall,	1 60	
Keene Water Works, water for city hall,	20 80	
Mrs. M. Hines, cleaning office,	1 00	
New England Observer, advertising and printing,	19 50	
J. W. Cummings, cleaning hall,	10 30	
Knowlton & Stone, door lock and stop,	1 33	
J. C. Esterbrook, painting vault,	1 00	
Woodbury & Howard, draping monument and hall,	12 50	
		\$146 38
Mar. Samuel Nims, postage stamps,	\$2 00	

Mar. Fred L. Cushing, filing records,	\$1 00
M. L. Landers, " "	1 00
W. W. Glazier, " "	1 00
Ira D. Gates, " "	1 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., supplies for office,	9 75
Daniel A. Brown, salary as Supervisor,	7 50
James H. Smith, " "	7 50
G. C. Hill, salary as Supt. of Schools,	50 00
G. C. Hill, 49 births and deaths,	17 50
W. E. Burdett, salary as Supervisor,	7 50
H. H. Beckwith, " "	7 50
Laton Martin, team,	4 00
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	\$117 25
Apr. Geo. L. Rice, witness fees,	\$ 77
Mrs. Geo. L. Rice, "	77
Geo. Tilden, insurance on city hall,	62 50
W. C. Bigelow, damages sustained in road,	12 00
Woodbury & Howard, cushion for chair,	8 00
W. H. Spalter & Co., school books for paupers,	39 35
Knowlton & Stone, sundries,	69
H. S. Martin, salary, Board of Education,	135 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, 12 yds. lignum,	12 50
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	\$271 58
May. E. M. Bullard, alcohol, etc.,	\$ 40
Wm. March, use of room,	5 00
Luke E. Joslin, burying sheep,	1 00
David Russell, notifying,	6 75
C. C. Buffum, Ex. records,	1 24
Wm. March, use of room,	5 00
Milton Blake, assessing taxes,	45 00
Ashuelot R. R., freight,	6 00
E. O. Keith, changing gas fixtures,	8 44
Hosea Foster, Ex. records,	3 00
H. W. Hubbard, repairing radiator in Clerk's office,	8 99

May. Nims, Whitney & Co., shelving,	\$1 00	
Ansel Dickinson, posts,	24 90	
S. O. Gates, salary as Tax Collector,	450 00	
Darling & Kimball, printing,	2 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., school books for paupers,	23 25	
C. H. Butler & Co., repairs city pasture fence,	17 25	
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		\$609 22
June. A. H. Grimes, oil, soap and matches,	\$3 28	
E. O. Keith, water tank, pipe and hose,	42 25	
Edward Farrar, Justice fees and salary,	83 50	
Silas Hardy, land damage,	200 00	
Stephen Randall, “	150 00	
Mrs. James Donahue, “	15 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., Assessors' book,	3 75	
E. R. Locke, witness fees,	57 75	
J. H. Spofford, “	8 47	
E. O. Keith, water tank on Court street,	18 55	
E. O. Keith, water works, Whitcomb farm,	53 31	
G. G. Dort & Co., disinfectant and sponges,	2 35	
Samuel Nims, copying taxes,	45 00	
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		\$683 21
July. Sentinel Printing Co., printing School Reports, blanks, etc., and advertising, 1886,	\$252 25	
J. W. Cummings, stage work,	25 20	
Cheshire County, land damage, Centre street,	375 00	
John T. Abbott, Justice fees,	28 50	
J. W. Cummings, repairs on city hall,	7 20	
A. Dickinson, fence posts,	35 04	
Conn. River R. R., freight,	8 76	
Spencer & Co., barbed wire,	59 44	

July. Knowlton & Stone, lock, keys, etc.,	\$4 30	
Bullard & Foster, material for mucilage,	2 23	
Samuel Nims, paid for cleaning hall,	14 50	
W. H. Spalter & Co., school books for paupers,	28 40	
W. H. Spalter & Co., City Clerk's office,	12 00	
A. P. French, street layouts,	13 18	
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		\$866 00
Aug. A. H. Grimes, pails and soap,	\$2 47	
David Russell, use of team for Assessors,	1 25	
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		\$3 72
Sept. Samuel Nims, salary as City Clerk,	\$274 19	
W. H. Spalter & Co., blank book for City Messenger,	1 00	
Mrs. James Donahue, land damage,	10 00	
Stephen Randall, land damage,	50 00	
Asa Smith, P. M., stamps, E. O. Keith,	2 25	
Ann Hawley, cleaning police station,	2 00	
G. F. Little, work at city hall,	17 50	
C. E. Cooper, services as City Clerk pro tem.,	30 55	
Stephen Randall, land damage, highway layout,	100 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., office supplies,	6 80	
Jonas C. Rice, fees in suits of City v. Doolittle,	26 88	
Keene post office, envelopes,	22 40	
David Russell,	1 00	
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		\$544 57
Oct. New Haven Steam Heating Co., heater grates for furnace,	\$23 80	
Don H. Woodward, services for Hall boy, appointed by Police Justice,	5 00	
Henry Giffin, coal for city hall building,	253 44	
J. A. Batchelder, for firemen's parade,	50 00	
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		\$332 24

Nov. Chas. H. Hersey, salary as Auditor, in part,	\$75 00
• S. A. Morse, salary as Assessor, in part,	110 00
D. A. Brown, " " "	110 00
D. R. Cole, " " "	110 00
James E. Parmenter, salary as Clerk,	37 50
A. T. Batchelder, salary as Mayor, in part,	150 00
John T. Abbott, salary as Solicitor, in part,	25 00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., use of telephone,	34 00
Keene Gas Light Co., Tax Collector,	27 90
Keene Gas Light Co., City Clerk,	51 60
Keene Gas Light Co., city hall,	329 10
E. O. Keith, salary in part,	300 00
Milton Blake, salary in part,	70 82
E. O. Keith, cleaning Council and City Clerk's office,	5 50
Fred A. Wood, care Ward 5 ward room,	2 00
Keene Furniture Co., walnut shelves,	1 50
Ellis Brothers,	12 00
Paid firemen and others for fighting brush fires,	143 00
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., rent for October,	3 00
C. H. Spofford, work for ward room in Ward 3,	4 00
Nims, Whitney & Co., glass, putty, paint, etc.,	3 22
Keene Water Works, water for city hall building,	20 80
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	\$1,625 94
Dec. Milton Blake, salary as City Clerk,	\$41 67
Cheshire Provident Institution, land damage,	1 00
Wadsworth & Wright, repairing clock,	75

Dec. E. Farrar, salary and Justice fees,	\$116 85
Conn. River R. R., freight,	57
New England Observer, printing,	14 50
E. R. Locke, expenses, Henry A. Hall to State Industrial School,	13 00
A. P. French, surveying new streets,	17 00
Work done at Catholic cemetery,	78 00
Cutting brush at city pasture,	48 00
Cleaning ditch on Emerald street,	15 75
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	\$347 09
Total,	<hr/>
	\$7,456 27
Balance carried to new account,	<hr/>
	\$1,370 34

CITY PAUPERS.

Balance appropriation, 1885,	\$428 13
Amount appropriated, 1886,	3,500 00
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	\$3,928 13

PAID.

1885.

Dec. E. W. Holden, shoes furnished,	\$7 25
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	5 00
Boston Branch, groceries furnished,	29 00
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished Mrs. Lewis,	1 00
Dennis Callahan, milk for Mrs. Donovan,	5 46
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood furnished,	7 81
Martin Payne, sawing wood for Mrs. Jerry Donovan,	2 00
M. Armstrong, rent of house to Mrs. Graves,	30 00
W. L. Davis, salary as Overseer for 1885,	31 25
Gardner C. Hill, City Physician, 1885,	12 50
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	\$131 27

1886.

Jan. John Rutherford, rent of house to Amos Foster,	\$5 00
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Jan.	Amos Bancroft, meat for Mrs. Donovan,	\$1 00	
	Geo. H. Nims, rent Mrs. Graves,	7 40	
	W. B. Fitch, wood furnished,	9 69	
	A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	29 00	
	D. B. Stearns, boarding Mrs. Amos How-		
	ard,	11 08	
	First Cong. Society, rent to Mrs. Graves,	6 00	
	Mason & Wheeler, clothing, John and Jerry		
	Donovan,	5 25	
	Martin Payne, sawing wood,	1 25	
	Contingent fund for support of poor,	26 50	
	G. H. Nims, wood for A. Foster,	4 00	
	Samuel Priest, sawing wood, Mrs. Mahar,	75	
			\$106 92
Feb.	D. B. Stearns, board of Mrs. Amos How-		
	ard,	\$11 08	
	P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	12 28	
	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished Jerry and		
	John Donovan,	3 75	
	W. W. Yardley, wood furnished,	34 44	
	C. Bridgman, groceries furnished,	52 10	
	John Rutherford, rent for Mrs. Amos		
	Foster,	5 00	
	Prentiss Taylor, support of John Barnett,	15 00	
	Geo. H. Piper, for Mrs. Amos Foster,	50	
	W. W. Yardley, wood furnished,	23 73	
	Fisher & Jackson, casket and robe for		
	Kate Tyler,	12 00	
	C. M. Cummings, shoes furnished,	16 55	
	Dennis Callahan, milk furnished,	5 40	
	Wm. G. Hall, goods for Mrs. P. O'Brien,	2 40	
	John Durand, sawing wood,	1 75	
			\$195 98
Mar.	John Rutherford, rent Mrs. Amos Foster,	\$5 00	
	Geo. H. Piper, goods for Mrs. Raymond,	4 97	
	R. B. Munsell, 40 cords wood,	125 00	
	Prentiss Taylor, care John Barnett,	15 00	

Mar. Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	\$16 87	
D. J. Moulton, groceries furnished,	25 58	
Amos Bancroft, meat for Jerry and John Donovan,	2 50	
John Durand, working wood piling,	4 65	
S. Spaulding, shoes for Mrs. O'Brien, Foster and Raymond,	5 75	
P. Howland, cash paid out,	2 75	
Frank W. Nims, 29 cords wood,	116 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., paper,	85	
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood for Mrs. P. O'Brien,	3 13	
John Durand, sawing wood,	6 50	
P. Howland, salary for quarter,	31 25	
R. B. Munsell, five cords wood,	15 63	
Laton Martin, carriage to Davis,	3 00	
Laton Martin, carriage to Howland,	2 50	
First Cong. Society, rent to Mrs. Graves,	18 00	
		\$404 93
Apr. P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	\$10 00	
D. B. Stearns, care Mrs. Amos Howard,	10 00	
M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	31 94	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	3 50	
J. F. & F. H. Whitcomb, cloth furnished,	5 06	
John Durand, sawing wood,	6 25	
Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	13 00	
P. Howland, cash paid tickets,	1 20	
H. P. Muchmore, coal furnished,	7 49	
		\$88 44
May. Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	\$2 50	
Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	2 15	
Joseph Jolly, care Miles family,	6 32	
Spencer & Co., coal for Mrs. O'Brien and another,	3 50	
G. E. Holbrook, groceries furnished,	23 00	
Geo. Clasby, sawing wood,	1 25	
E. G. Randall, drawing wood,	1 00	

May. Geo. Clasby, sawing wood,	\$1 25	
E. G. Randall, drawing wood,	3 00	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$47 22
June. F. E. Keyes, groceries furnished,	\$26 00	
E. W. Holden, shoes furnished,	4 90	
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	10 00	
Dennis Callahan, milk furnished,	5 52	
John Durand, sawing wood,	5 00	
Frank H. Wright, shoes furnished,	7 75	
	<hr/>	\$59 17
July. P. Howland, salary for quarter as Overseer,	\$31 25	
J. B. Fisher, shoes and boots furnished,	6 60	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	6 50	
Boston Branch, groceries furnished,	46 58	
Boston Branch, shoes furnished,	5 00	
P. Howland, fares paid,	2 50	
First Cong. Church, rent for Mrs. Graves,	18 00	
Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	2 50	
P. Howland, paid Geo. Clasby for sawing wood,	1 25	
G. B. Twitchell, amputating Jaffrey's arm,	35 00	
Geo. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,	35	
E. G. Randall, trucking,	4 75	
	<hr/>	\$160 28
Aug. P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	\$10 00	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	10 25	
S. W. Howard, shoes furnished,	5 75	
A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	41 00	
	<hr/>	\$67 00
Sept. Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	\$5 00	
C. A. Grimes, support of Mrs. Amos Howard,	29 01	

Sept. Sylvester Spaulding, boots and shoes furnished,	\$10 45	
Chase & Richards, clothing furnished,	2 50	
Bullard & Foster, medicine furnished,	3 45	
William Eastman, sawing wood,	63	
C. Bridgman, groceries furnished,	44 00	
P. Howland, paid Geo. Clasby for sawing wood,	6 25	
	<hr/>	\$101 29
Oct. W. H. Spalter & Co., books for school children,	\$13 80	
Geo. H. Piper & Co., hose, Mrs. McLaughlin,	50	
Contingent fund, fares to Fitchburg, pauper,	6 25	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	4 00	
M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	47 25	
First Cong. Society, rent for Mrs. Graves,	18 00	
Cheshire R. R., rent for Mrs. Coffee,	5 00	
Mrs. McLaughlin, support of self and family,	6 66	
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Nov. Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	\$7 73	
W. H. Spalter & Co., books furnished,	25 15	
Mason & Wheeler, clothing,	22 50	
E. G. Randall, teaming,	25 95	
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	16 00	
A. A. Edson, care Ambrose Jaffrey,	32 00	
P. Howland, cash paid for fare,	3 53	
Davis, Wright & Co., repairing pump and supplies,	4 00	
C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes furnished,	8 35	
D. J. Moulton, groceries furnished,	42 50	
A. W. Baker, boots and shoes furnished,	11 00	
Worden, Jones & Co., care and medicine,		
J. Barnett,	10 00	

Nov. W. S. Leonard, care and medicine, J. Barnett,	\$14 00
Bullard & Foster, medicine furnished,	1 00
P. Howland, paid sawing wood,	6 50
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	6 66
William Eastman, sawing wood,	1 88
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	7 25
E. G. Randall, trucking,	12 25
H. E. Fay, repairing clock,	1 00
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries furnished,	50 04
L. F. Buffum, care E. Ballou,	493 74
John H. Robbins, care H. Ballou,	125 90
State Industrial School, Langar boy,	78 00
N. H. Asylum, board W. H. Pettis,	280 38
I. J. Prouty, salary as City Physician, in part,	37 50
John Rutherford, house rent, Mrs. A. Foster,	20 00
M. C. Dix, care John Barnett,	96 80
C. H. Clark, rent for A. Blanchard,	40 00
Mrs. J. Amadon, care Mrs. J. O. Amadon,	153 31
P. Howland, salary in part,	31 25
N. H. Asylum, Abbie C. Crossfield,	51 47
N. H. Asylum, Annie L. Gerould,	157 14
N. H. Asylum, Lizzie J. Pierce,	175 20
Mrs. S. A. Howard, care Mrs. Amos Howard,	22 92
Frank Gallagher, rent Mrs. D. Coffee,	19 50
Luman Weeks, rent for E. Greenwood,	15 00
Charles Phillips, rent Mrs. D. Coffee,	10 00
G. H. Piper & Co., goods for Mrs. D. Coffee,	2 92
C. H. Clark, rent for A. Blanchard,	5 00
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	\$2,125 32
Total,	<hr/> \$3,589 28
Balance carried to new account,	\$338 85

COUNTY PAUPERS.

PAID.

1885.

Dec. E. W. Holden, shoes furnished,	\$9 15
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	7 00
Jonas C. Rice, care Ryan girl,	9 00
Boston Branch, groceries furnished,	46 25
Mrs. B. McGlenning, care Eliza Bates,	7 50
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	3 13
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	3 25
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood furnished,	13 43
Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	13 10
Wm. G. Hall, goods furnished,	6 77
Martin Payne, sawing county wood,	4 50
Henry W. Russell, care Kate Donovan,	4 50

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1886.

Jan. Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	\$3 00
Geo. H. Nims, wood furnished,	31 05
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood furnished,	20 12
H. P. Muchmore, coal furnished,	7 07
L. W. Wilder, wood furnished,	10 00
W. L. Davis, taking affidavits,	4 50
A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	93 86
Moses Ellis, rents,	20 00
Boston Branch, shoes furnished,	2 50
Martin Payne, sawing wood,	1 50
Contingent fund, paid James Rourke's wife fare to Boston,	2 75
Contingent fund, cash paid Geo. Clasby and John Durand, sawing wood,	4 35
F. C. Hardy, goods furnished,	4 95
James O. Davis, care G. Rock,	10 00

 \$215 65

Feb. Samuel Priest, sawing wood,	\$2 00
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	16 50

Feb. H. H. Barker, moving Mrs. Auberten, and $\frac{1}{2}$ cord wood,	\$6 50	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	11 60	
W. W. Yardley, wood Mrs. E. Bates,	4 10	
C. Bridgman, groceries furnished,	80 99	
Bullard & Foster, medicine,	40	
F. C. Hardy, 3 cloaks delivered Johanna Shehan,	14 00	
Geo. H. Piper, goods furnished,	5 24	
Fisher & Jackson, casket and robe for Ryan girl,	10 00	
Davis, Wright & Co., for L. L. Hubbard,	2 25	
E. R. Locke, food furnished tramps,	24 45	
Patrick Quinlan, sawing wood,	1 50	
C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes fur- nished,	35 05	
Mason & Wheeler, pants and coat to J. Doyle,	3 00	
Wm. G. Hall, goods furnished,	4 36	
John Durand, sawing wood,	75	
		\$222 69
Mar. Geo. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,	\$ 50	
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	23 61	
D. J. Moulton, groceries furnished,	79 83	
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	4 00	
Mary A. Lewis, rent house to Mr. Shortoak,	7 50	
Sylvester Spaulding, boots and shoes fur- nished,	28 85	
Eliza Stone, care G. Rock and wife,	4 00	
C. Beauregard, wood furnished,	4 50	
Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	12 75	
G. G. Elwell, wood furnished,	18 00	
G. G. Elwell, wood furnished,	21 12	
P. Howland, cash paid for fares,	3 25	
Frank Jarvis, board of Josh. Alex and wife,	21 00	
John Durand, sawing wood,	1 00	
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	16 00	
		\$245 91

Apr.	E. G. Randall, trucking,	\$3 35	
	M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	83 89	
	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	9 60	
	Frank Gallagher, rent of house to C. Girard,	2 40	
	John Heald, care James Dawson,	26 00	
	Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	2 00	
	Knowlton & Stone,	1 00	
	C. Beauregard, wood furnished,	2 25	
	P. Howland, cash paid tickets,	1 88	
	H. P. Muchmore, coal furnished,	8 08	
			\$140 45
May.	H. P. Muchmore, coal furnished,	\$3 92	
	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	9 12	
	P. Howland, cash paid tickets,	2 70	
	P. Howland, tickets for Priest family,	17 55	
	Fisher & Jackson, coffin, robe and carriage for Perry child,	9 00	
	Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	3 37	
	Spencer & Co., coal furnished,	3 63	
	Mrs. J. A. Rice, for Mrs. Edwards,	4 00	
	G. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries furnished,	60 84	
	A. W. Simonds, board H. E. Lowell,	27 32	
	E. G. Randall, trucking,	3 00	
	Flavel Beal, for F. Auberten,	1 00	
	A. H. Hamblet, milk Mary Mitchell,	5 46	
	Chas. Beauregard, wood furnished,	3 00	
			\$153 91
Jne.	E. G. Randall, trucking wood,	\$3 50	
	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	9 00	
	F. E. Keyes, groceries furnished,	76 86	
	E. W. Holden, boots and shoes furnished,	9 50	
	C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes furnished,	3 65	
	P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	16 00	
	F. H. Wright, boots and shoes furnished,	4 75	
			\$123 26

July.	J. B. Fisher, boots and shoes furnished,	\$5 90
	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	16 40
	Boston Branch, groceries furnished,	72 68
	Boston Branch, shoes furnished,	13 20
	P. Howland, fare paid,	40
	A. B. & S. W. Skinner, goods furnished,	4 00
	Bullard & Foster, medicine,	1 00
	Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	2 50
	P. Howland, fares paid,	2 78
	Mary Palmer, board of Mrs. Priest,	10 00
	Geo. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,	1 92
	E. G. Randall, trucking,	4 00
	E. G. Randall, drawing wood,	4 50
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		\$139 28
Aug.	P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	\$16 00
	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	12 01
	S. W. Howard, boots and shoes furnished,	22 85
	A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	71 00
	G. G. Elwell, wood furnished,	1 20
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		\$123 06
Sept.	Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	\$14 00
	G. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,	14 77
	C. A. Seward, care Pierce children,	2 25
	Thomas Madden, rent for J. Priest,	3 00
	Sylvester Spaulding, boots and shoes furnished,	15 55
	Chase & Richards, clothing furnished,	8 35
	Bullard & Foster, medicine furnished,	7 45
	C. Bridgman, groceries furnished,	72 81
	P. Howland, fares paid out,	4 67
	J. D. Dunbar, horse hire,	1 00
	W. P. Chamberlain, goods furnished,	12 97
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		\$156 82
Oct.	Geo. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,	\$2 50
	Andrew Young, sawing wood,	50
	Geo. H. Piper & Co., goods furnished,	3 00

Oct. Dennis Callahan, milk furnished,	\$6 18
Thomas Madden, rent for Priest,	3 50
Geo. H. Bridgman, M. D., medical attendance,	31 25
Chas. Beauregard, wood furnished,	2 00
Contingent fund, paid fares,	10 50
John Heald, board Jane Dawson,	26 00
Clarence Holman, milk furnished,	10 56
Daniel Ellis, cleaning well for Mrs. Mitchell,	3 00
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	18 75
R. Brooks, rent for E. Gowdey,	17 00
M. V. B. Clark, groceries furnished,	94 72
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	3 51
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	\$232 97
Nov. Mrs. McLaughlin, support of self, husband and boy,	\$8 84
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	18 53
Miss Sarah Howard, care Amos Howard,	6 64
Geo. H. Piper, goods furnished,	22 61
Mrs. L. A. Alexander, goods furnished,	4 91
Mason & Wheeler, clothing furnished,	39 00
E. G. Randall, trucking,	5 50
P. H. McCushing, groceries furnished,	24 00
Putnam H. Foley, care A. Bingham,	3 00
James O'Rourke, rent to L. L. Hubbard,	31 32
Invalids' Home, for Sylvia Snow,	50 11
Thomas Madden, house rent,	3 50
P. Howland, fares paid,	6 25
J. P. Bierne, house rent, D. Gilbo,	6 67
Davis, Wright & Co., repairs for county,	1 25
C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes furnished,	14 20
D. J. Moulton, groceries furnished,	103 00
A. W. Baker, boots and shoes furnished,	18 25
P. Howland, fares paid,	10 40

Nov. C. F. Grout, board for Mrs. Mitchell,	\$6 74
O. S. Tenney, milk furnished,	9 12
C. Beauregard, wood furnished,	10 00
Mrs. Louise Richards, board R. Mitchell,	5 00
Mrs. A. E. Bennett, hat for Mrs. Priest,	2 00
Bullard & Foster, medicine furnished,	2 35
P. Howland, fares paid,	2 45
Mrs. Mary Donovan, care Katie Jordon,	16 00
Emma F. Breed, care and nursing Geo. Sewall,	17 00
Henry Giffin, coal furnished,	3 75

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Dec. Mrs. McLaughlin, support of self, husband and son,	\$15 50
Geo. H. Piper & Co., dry goods furnished,	19 46
Amos Bancroft, meat furnished,	24 73
Woodbury & Howard, coffin and team John Jolly,	6 00
Woodbury & Howard, coffin for J. Buckley,	10 00
Invalids' Home, support of Sylvia Snow,	6 64
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries furnished,	104 89
A. H. Grimes, groceries furnished,	3 75
Thomas Madden, rent, Mrs. Priest,	3 00
M. Shackley, rent, J. Jolly,	1 50
Sylvia Snow, support of self,	13 07
John Ellis, care self,	54 47
Samuel E. Wyman, care R. Blake,	129 75
Keziah Billings, support of self,	78 19
Charlotte Heustis, support of self,	35 97
John Rutherford, rent, D. Cameron,	63 00
Mary Shortell, support of self,	38 98
Eda Davis, care Mrs. Sawin,	54 31
Mrs. Nahum Wright, care A. Bingham,	65 78
Cheshire R. R., rent, Mrs. Donovan,	27 00
Faulkner & Colony, rent, John Ryan,	54 00

Dec. Hosea Foster, rent, C. A. Seward,	\$36 00	
Joseph Pageot, rent, C. C. Sargent,	30 50	
	<hr/>	\$876 49
Total,		<hr/> \$3,210 46

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Balance appropriation, 1885,	\$817 92	
Amount appropriated, 1886,	13,000 00	
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PAID.

1885.		
Dec. Reuben Ray, sharpening tools, picks, etc.,	\$19 72	
T. F. Leahey, lettering signs,	4 50	
John R. Power, loam furnished,	22 50	
D. T. Stiles, labor,	75	
Pay roll for November, 1885,	716 37	
F. H. Wentworth, labor on Vernon street,	9 75	
D. C. King, " "	3 50	
Crosby A. Mason, " "	14 00	
Beaver Mills, lumber and grain,	189 39	
C. W. Heaton, labor,	8 00	
C. K. Pemberton, use jack screws,	1 00	
Charles Davis, work on highways, break-		
ing roads,	4 88	
H. M. Nims, stone and gravel,	19 25	
William Dickinson, rotten stone,	2 10	
Geo. K. Wright, lumber,	4 50	
John A. Drummer, gravel,	10 48	
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1886.

Jan. Reuben Ray, 2 iron bound snow plows,	\$18 00	
Reuben Ray, repairing tools,	5 31	
Spencer & Co., picks, shovels and screws,	15 90	

Jan. Young Jones, sharpening tools, etc.,	\$22 23	
Webb Granite Co., cross walks,	85 84	
Jehiel Harlow, making scraper and filing saws,	19 30	
Pay roll for December, 1885,	128 75	
Norman Denio, harnesses,	2 00	
Davis, Wright & Co., repairing,	2 55	
A. H. Grimes, oil and salt,	87	
H. H. Hart, repairs on road,	1 25	
Beaver Mills, lumber and grain,	31 55	
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder, fuses and cartridges,	36 59	
Alonzo Green, gravel, "	8 56	
S. W. Dart, lumber for stringers,	16 98	
Robert Doyle, 79 bushels oats,	35 85	
Bullard & Foster, sponges and chamois,	2 00	
Sawyer & Burnham, lumber,	42	
Norman Denio, repairs, etc.,	8 00	
Thomas Grimes, work on highway,	6 87	
Chase & Richards, one pair rubber gloves,	2 25	
Norman Denio, team collars,	12 00	
Moses Ellis, iron castings, plow points, etc.,	23 12	
		\$486 19
Feb. D. A. Barrett, bottle vitæ lotia,	\$ 75	
G. W. Ball, brick for paving,	77 20	
Pay roll for January, 1886,	130 24	
Wilkinson & McGregor, collars, blankets, repairs, etc.,	36 25	
C. G. Crain, work on highway,	6 75	
Knowlton & Stone, nails, hardware and paint,	25 01	
Knowlton & Stone, drain pipe,	2 28	
Aaron Lebourveau, work on highway,	1 75	
George W. Stratton, work,	70	
P. Howland, hay,	20 80	
		\$301 73

Mar. G. W. Taft, knife for scraper,	\$6 00	
Norman Denio, repairing blankets,	1 25	
Pay roll for February, 1886,	284 01	
E. A. Nims, use of harnesses,	4 00	
S. E. Wyman, work,	2 00	
Fred Nims, work on road,	1 00	
Charles Giffin, hay,	18 35	
Laton Martin, horse and wagon,	1 50	
		\$318 11
Apr. E. G. Randall, plowing out walks,	\$10 75	
Reuben Ray, repairs of chains, picks, etc.,	15 15	
Walter Scripture, breaking roads,	4 59	
Knowlton & Stone, hardware,	20 65	
D. S. Willard, plowing walks,	7 50	
Pay roll for March, 1886,	172 50	
		\$231 14
May. American Road Machine, edge for machine,	\$3 50	
S. W. Dart, plank,	199 00	
Pay roll for April, 1886,	644 11	
E. M. Bullard, alcohol, salts, etc., for horses,	1 00	
N. Robertson, plowing sidewalks,	11 24	
Irving Curtis, labor on road,	5 80	
J. E. Moore, work on road,	9 00	
Beaver Mills, hay and grain,	54 94	
H. W. Hubbard, labor on city team,	50	
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber,	75	
Charles Abbott, work on road,	1 50	
		\$931 34
June. A. H. Grimes, oil, soap and matches,	\$2 14	
H. H. Hart, labor on road,	1 20	
D. B. Stearns, labor on highway,	18 00	
Pay roll for May, 1886,	970 23	
L. W. Wilder, railing poles,	20 00	
Cheshire R. R., freight,	75	

June. W. W. Stone, plowing sidewalks,	\$6 50
A. T. Stearns, labor on road,	1 75
H. A. Thatcher, labor on highway,	2 25
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	\$1,022 82
July. Knowlton & Stone, road supplies, tile drain, etc.,	\$66 12
Andrew Clark, labor on road,	4 50
Beaver Mills, hay and grain,	79 71
C. G. Crain, labor on highway,	63 75
John Lynch, labor,	7 00
Pay roll for June, 1886,	873 02
M. M. Parks, plowing sidewalks,	9 80
Henry Ellis, labor,	1 00
Charles M. Foster, plowing sidewalks,	4 35
Reuben Ray, work on scrapers and tools,	24 75
Solomon Bird, work, etc.,	6 00
Geo. H. Piper & Co., goods,	50
E. W. Gustine, sidewalks,	87 00
James O'Rourke, setting tire on city team etc.,	5 00
J. C. Story & Co., tar and pitch for sidewalks,	315 00
Henry A. Thatcher, labor,	1 00
Andrew Clark, labor,	36 00
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	\$1,584 50
Aug. J. E. Heald, labor, self and team,	\$22 75
H. W. Russell, labor, self and team,	8 54
Crosby Mason, labor,	3 50
F. H. Wentworth, labor,	6 50
Pay roll for July, 1886,	793 24
Chas. Giffin, labor,	24 70
Geo. G. Elwell, labor on highway,	70 00
A. H. Grimes, saltpetre and oil,	65
Cheshire R. R., freight on tar,	24 00
Cheshire R. R., freight on tar and pitch,	49 00
Cheshire R. R., freight on tar and empty barrels,	27 38

Aug. Young Jones, shoeing and filing horses' teeth,	\$23 10
J. C. Story & Co., tar and pitch for walks,	46 90
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	\$1,100 26
Sept. G. Wyman, work on road,	\$1 50
J. J. Kennedy, setting tire, picks, etc.,	5 60
Pay roll for August, 1886,	1,095 45
J. Herrick, work on road,	13 90
Walter Scripture, work on highway,	3 25
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	\$1,119 70
Oct. E. Gustine, work on sidewalks,	\$26 25
William Trask, labor on highway,	31 00
James Garvin, labor on highway,	8 00
Thos. F. Leahey, lettering signs,	5 35
Geo. D. Webb Granite Co.,	67 88
Pay roll for September, 1886,	862 25
Reuben Ray, iron work,	29 75
Rufus S. Graves, labor on highway,	10 00
A. J. Williams, labor on highway,	2 50
Henry O. Esty, labor on highway,	7 25
Norman Denio, harness work,	11 45
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuses,	9 25
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	\$1,070 93
Nov. Jonathan Hall, work on sluice,	\$14 00
Joseph F. Nourse, stone work,	7 15
J. Heald, labor,	17 50
Horace Joslin, labor, self and team,	65 62
Beaver Mills, lumber, hay and grain,	343 29
Pay roll for October, 1886,	851 51
C. G. Crain, labor,	10 50
T. A. Hastings, plank,	36 94
Charles H. Ellis, straw,	24 72
Sylvester Spaulding, 2 pair gum boots,	6 50
A. P. French, surveys for sidewalks,	39 47
Knowlton & Stone, hardware supplies,	27 81
Munsell & Nims, bridge timber,	10 75

Nov. Simpson Bros., sidewalks, payment in part,	\$2,045 41
J. D. Dunbar, horse medicine,	1 00
Daniel A. Brown, snowing bridge,	2 50
A. P. French, surveying sidewalks,	52 75
	<u>\$3,557 42</u>
Dec. A. S. Whitcomb, stakes for grading sidewalks,	\$6 37
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	13 80
Spencer & Co., rakes for sidewalks,	3 00
Geo. D. Webb Granite Co., cross walks,	35 75
Pay roll for November, 1886,	546 07
Horace Joslin, labor, self and team,	59 50
T. T. Russell, labor, self and team,	147 87
Sawyer & Burnham, lumber for sidewalks,	3 64
J. Lynch, labor, self and team,	10 00
	<u>\$826 00</u>
Total,	<u>\$13,581 83</u>
Balance,	\$232 19
By credit for work done for ordinary and water department,	\$150 50
By credit for work done for fire department,	141 50
	<u>\$292 00</u>
Balance carried to new account,	<u>\$524 19</u>
Total expenditure,	<u>\$13,289 83</u>

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Balance appropriation, Dec. 1, 1885,	\$117 40
Amount appropriated, 1886,	3,100 00
	<u>\$3,217 40</u>

PAID.

1885.

Dec. Keene Furniture Co., for Steamer house,	\$15 00
Albert L. Russell, striker and compass	
for electric alarm,	9 55
J. & F. French, work on hose cart,	2 88
H. H. Barker, concrete for road at	
Steamer house,	7 00
T. T. Russell, concrete for road at	
Steamer house,	14 00
J. E. Heald, gravel for road at Steamer	
house,	3 50
A. A. Morse, hay for hydrants,	9 65
J. D. Dunbar, use of horses,	17 00
Harkness & Keith, painting fire alarm,	55
City of Keene, use of team collecting	
hydrant boxes,	38 23
A. P. French, surveying,	3 00
G. D. Wheelock, salary as Chief Engineer,	30 00
J. A. Batchelder, salary as Asst. Engineer,	25 00
H. H. Baker, " "	25 00
W. H. Reyoun, " "	25 00
C. L. Kingsbury, " "	25 00
H. W. Harvey, " "	25 00

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1886.

Jan. Sawyer & Burnham, labor and supplies,	\$21 48
Norman Denio, set harnesses and repairs,	77 50
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	25 50
Davis, Wright & Co., work on fire alarm,	3 12
Cheshire R. R., for ground rent,	30 00
S. P. Bowker, use of horses,	20 00
Sawyer & Burnham, 12 hydrant boxes,	13 79
H. W. Harvey, perambulating fire district,	14 63
Davis, Wright & Co., hose and nozzle,	
stove and pipe,	15 22
Geo. E. Holbrook & Co., sugar, milk,	
oil, matches, coffee, etc.,	13 84

Jan. Norman Denio, repairing harnesses,	\$7 25	
Fred R. Smith, setting glass in H. & L. room,	1 40	
F. G. Pratt, fire alarm work,	5 00	
J. D. Dunbar, use of horses,	6 00	
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		\$254 37
Feb. Stoddard Lumber Co., lumber,	\$5 40	
Steamer fire hose, shafts, as per vote,	49 70	
A. S. Jackson, spanners,	7 00	
H. W. Hubbard, labor on Steamer house,	9 30	
C. Callahan, fire hooks and chairs,	50 00	
G. M. Stevens, lightning arrester,	1 75	
Chas. H. Mason, sawing wood for Deluge,	2 63	
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for engine houses,	37 20	
American Express Co., charge on ma- terial,	75	
Fisher & Jackson, chairs, mirrors and signs for H. & L. Co.,	27 00	
Cutler Bros. & Co., barrel vitriol,	15 12	
Wilkinson & McGregor, blankets and capping,	5 25	
Manchester Locomotive Works, check valve,	6 40	
S. S. Wilkinson & Co., traces and thill straps,	3 50	
American Express Co., package,	25	
Fred N. Wood, examining hydrants,	5 25	
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		\$226 50
Mar. A. L. Russell, battery material etc.,	\$11 85	
Cheshire R. R., freight,	84	
T. F. Leahey, painting Deluge hose cart,	56 00	
A. E. Tibbets, seat for Deluge cart,	5 00	
C. G. Farrar, examining fire districts,	2 25	
Fred N. Wood, thawing hydrants,	3 39	
A. L. Russell, glass jars,	1 80	
Norman Denio, repairing harness,	3 00	

Mar. Manchester Locomotive Works, gauge glasses,	\$2 00	
F. E. Keyes, crackers, cheese and soap,	5 00	
F. E. Keyes, paper,	30	
Hill & Langtry, gallon oil polish,	2 20	
W. B. Fitch & Co., wood,	16 50	
Kirk & Sewell, zinc for Deluge,	2 00	
Hill & Langtry, rubber soling,	14 73	
Spencer & Co., coal and glass,	17 24	
Laton Martin, horses for hose carriages,	22 00	
P. Howland, wood furnished,	26 42	
		\$192 52
Apr. Fred R. Smith, Steward,	\$15 00	
Fred N. Wood, Steward,	15 00	
F. W. Towne, Steward,	15 00	
Deluge Hose Co., electric bell for Mason,	12 50	
G. G. Elwell, wood,	3 25	
F. G. Pratt, care fire alarm,	12 00	
Davis, Wright & Co., pail and dipper,	90	
F. W. Towne, Steward, error,	5 00	
F. N. Wood, Steward, error,	5 00	
H. W. Hubbard, repairs of apparatus,	12 99	
Reuben Ray, repairs of apparatus,	7 10	
J. A. Batchelder, examining fire districts,	14 63	
T. F. Leahey, painting Phœnix hose carriage,	37 50	
Woodbury & Howard, curtains,	1 70	
Fred R. Smith, 6 months' pay,	7 50	
		\$165 07
May. Bullard & Foster, chlorate potash,	\$ 90	
Samuel Nims, express for fire department,	3 40	
Fred N. Wood, cleaning vault,	1 00	
Keene Gas Co., gas for engine houses,	44 40	
Flavel Beal, oil, soap, matches, brooms, lanterns, etc.,	14 74	
Fred R. Smith, balance of salary,	1 25	
Knowlton & Stone, rubber springs,	70	

May. Darling & Kimball, printing,	\$4 75	
J. R. Beal & Co., gloves,	4 00	
Joseph A. Burns, salary as fireman,	8 75	
	<hr/>	\$83 89
June. D. J. Moulton, cheese, etc.,	\$1 68	
George D. Wheelock, salary,	12 50	
Cheshire R. R., freight on hose,	2 90	
G. G. Dort & Co., disinfectant, sponges, etc.,	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$18 08
July. Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	\$5 75	
Reuben Ray, new foot-board, shafts and painting hose carriage,"	47 00	
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and material for fire alarm,	4 25	
Spencer & Co., coal, shovel, wagon jack, oil, etc.,	37 32	
Knowlton & Stone, rubber packing, wrench, etc.,	3 95	
Knowlton & Stone, locks and keys, fitting, etc.,	10 53	
G. H. Tilden, paper and supplies,	6 16	
Clapp & Dinsmoor, lumber and work on Steamer house,	20 07	
Keene Gas Light Co., gas for engine houses,	24 60	
Samuel Nims, express paid,	2 85	
Wm. H. Reyoun, salary as engineer, 7 months,	14 58	
Humphrey Machine Co., hard wood lumber, bolts and work,	8 25	
John Carpenter, work and material on hose carriages,	4 50	
American Fire Hose Co., jackets, couplings, etc.,	18 25	
J. A. Batchelder, badge,	2 50	
	<hr/>	\$210 56

Aug. Davis, Wright & Co., repairing lanterns for engineers, lantern globe, etc.,	\$1 75	
		\$1 75
Sept. Frank F. Stearns, salary as fireman,	\$12 50	
John H. Burns, salary as fireman,	5 00	
E. J. Marsh, kindling wood,	2 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,	2 10	
		\$21 60
Oct. Wilkinson & McGregor, four straps,	\$ 60	
Wilkinson & McGregor, harness and straps,	14 60	
J. D. Colony & Sons, printing,	1 25	
Pay roll Steamer Engine and Hose Co.,	438 75	
Pay roll Deluge Hose Co.,	276 25	
Pay roll Phoenix Hose Co.,	285 00	
Pay roll Washington H. & L. Co.,	268 75	
Geo. H. Piper & Co.,	60	
Cheshire R. R., freight,	1 70	
Chas. Bridgman, goods,	20	
Chas. G. Farrar, express, two boxes,	60	
Reuben Ray, repairs Deluge hose carriage,	12 15	
Cutler Bros. & Co., vitriol,	16 25	
Sumner & Goodwin, waste,	6 00	
Geo. M. Stevens, sets figures for boxes,	4 50	
Henry Giffin, coal for engine house,	95 76	
Frank G. Pratt, care of fire alarm and materials furnished,	22 25	
		\$1,445 21
Nov. Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	\$28 20	
Keene Furniture Co., lumber for fire alarm,	3 00	
C. H. Mason, salary for Sundays,	29 00	
E. A. Crown, " "	43 00	
C. H. Mason, " "	5 00	
Ed. Crown, " "	5 00	
Munsell & Nims, wood,	3 00	

Nov. J. & F. French, seat for hose cart and painting same,	\$10 25	
J. D. Dunbar, horse hire,	7 00	
Albert L. Russell, material for fire alarm,	14 52	
Chas. G. Farrar, express,	25	
C. Bridgman, refreshments,	2 23	
M. J. Sherman, one pair eveners,	3 00	
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		\$153 45
Dec. C. H. Mason, Sunday work,	\$4 00	
E. A. Crown, " "	4 00	
J. D. Dunbar, horse hire,	16 00	
Samuel Nims, cash paid repairs fire alarm,	11 25	
F. G. Pratt, care fire alarm,	15 00	
Geo. M. Stevens, lightning arrester,	3 50	
Humphrey Machine Co.,	3 50	
A. L. Russell, materials furnished,	13 44	
Knowlton & Stone, materials furnished,	1 16	
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		\$71 85
Total,		<hr/>
		\$3,120 21
To work done by city teams and transferred from highways and bridges department to fire department,		
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		\$141 50
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		\$3,261 71
Deficit,		<hr/>
		\$44 31

This amount of deficiency was caused by transferring the above amount from one department to another.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Balance appropriation, 1885,	\$322 06	
Amount appropriated, 1886,	2,000 00	
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		\$2,322 06

PAID.

1885.

Dec. George D. Wheelock, police duty,	\$4 00
John D. Dunbar, horse for police,	4 00
George H. Kellogg, police duty,	60 00
E. R. Locke, salary as Marshal, 1885,	182 50
J. H. Spofford, police duty,	20 00

 \$270 50

1886.

Jan. George H. Kellogg, police duty,	\$63 00
A. H. Grimes, supplies,	50
Wm. H. Reyoun, police duty,	15 00
S. P. Bowker, horse for police,	1 50
David Russell, horse for police,	2 00
J. D. Dunbar, horse hire,	8 50
Joseph H. Spofford, police duty,	62 00

 \$152 50

Feb. Keene Gas Light Co., gas for station,	\$14 40
G. T. Howe, police duty,	16 00

 \$30 40

Mar. Henry Giffin, coal,	\$4 23
J. H. Spofford, police duty,	56 00
J. W. Cummings, police duty,	6 00
E. R. Locke, salary as City Marshal,	182 50
Laton Martin, horse hire,	1 00

 \$249 73

Apr. J. H. Spofford, salary as police officer,	\$56 00
J. W. Cummings, police duty,	7 00
Knowlton & Stone, sperm oil,	40

 \$63 40

May. J. H. Spofford, salary,	\$60 00
Henry Giffin, coal,	4 05
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	10 50
J. H. Spofford, salary as police,	62 00
A. E. Jillson, police duty,	6 00

 \$142 55

June. A. G. Grimes, hack hire,	\$15 25	
E. R. Locke, salary as City Marshal,	182 50	
J. H. Spofford, police officer,	60 00	
	<hr/>	\$257 75
July. Sentinel Printing Co., printing blanks,	\$2 75	
Knowlton & Stone, brush,	1 20	
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	8 10	
Wm. H. Reyoum, police duty,	8 00	
C. H. Spofford, police duty,	9 00	
J. H. Spofford, salary as police officer,	66 00	
	<hr/>	\$95 05
Aug. C. K. Pemberton, police duty,	\$8 00	
New England Telephone and Telegraph Co., extra messages,	1 25	
H. B. Dean, police duty,	2 00	
David Russell, horse hire,	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$17 75
Sept. J. H. Spofford, salary as police officer,	\$50 00	
C. H. Spofford, " "	13 00	
Samuel O. Gates, six police badges,	4 50	
	<hr/>	\$67 50
Oct. E. R. Locke, salary as Marshal,	\$182 50	
J. H. Spofford, salary as police,	65 00	
J. D. Dunbar, police horse hire,	7 00	
J. S. Richardson, police duty,	8 00	
C. H. Spofford, police duty,	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$277 50
Nov. J. H. Spofford, salary as police,	\$64 00	
A. E. Jillson, police duty,	4 00	
Western Union Telegraph Co., message,	39	
Telephone messages,	25	
	<hr/>	\$68 64

Dec. Telegraph message,	\$ 39	
J. H. Spofford, salary,	60 00	
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		\$60 39
Total,		<hr/>
		\$1,753 66
Balance carried to new account,		<hr/>
		\$568 40

WATER WORKS.

PAID.

1885.		
Dec. Keene Furniture Co., lumber, etc.,	\$7 75	
John B. Fisher, one pair boots,	3 00	
D. H. Sawyer, balance of salary,	16 66	
W. L. Cheever, rebate,	1 25	
C. F. Holton, “	1 25	
M. E. Swift, “	1 69	
Nancy Woodbury, “	1 25	
Chas. I. Proctor, “	83	
L. E. Metcalf, “	3 20	
Aaron L. Robinson, “	2 00	
H. W. Cooper, “	2 00	
J. H. Spencer, “	5 25	
Mary Delany, “	83	
G. H. Colony, “	4 00	
G. H. Holbrook, “	80	
Nathan Putney, “	1 25	
Nehemiah Hart, “	1 25	
City of Keene, labor on water works,	7 00	
D. C. King, labor,	1 93	
Frank Washburn, labor,	45	
D. C. King, “	2 28	
Frank Washburn, “	75	
M. Armstrong, “	1 00	
Geo. B. Rawson, rebate,	1 66	
Daniel H. Sawyer, salary,	38 90	
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		\$108 23

1886.

Jan. D. C. King, labor,	\$2 10	
W. H. Spalter & Co., books, etc.,	7 28	
J. B. Fisher, rebate,	1 50	
D. C. King, labor,	1 83	
Daniel H. Sawyer, salary,	38 90	
David Russell, horse hire,	1 75	
F. C. Hardy, box,	25	
	<hr/>	\$53 61
Feb. D. C. King, labor,	\$2 64	
Humphrey Machine Co., hydrant and repairs,	47 00	
Knowlton & Stone, cement and screen,	4 76	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	38 90	
	<hr/>	\$93 30
Mar. Michael Cornell, labor,	\$1 75	
Thos. Fitzgerald, "	1 75	
William Winn, "	1 75	
D. C. King, "	7 50	
William Winn, "	1 23	
D. H. Sawyer, postage stamps,	1 50	
Peter Mack, labor,	53	
Kirk & Sewell, dipper and cup,	45	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	38 90	
	<hr/>	\$55 36
Apr. A. E. Fish, filing saw,	\$ 40	
Davis & Farnum Mfg. Co., supplies,	8 93	
D. C. King, labor,	22 75	
Thos. Fitzgerald, labor,	3 00	
David Russell, horse hire,	18 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,	1 60	
Humphrey Machine Co., hydrant fixtures, etc.,	13 40	
	<hr/>	\$68 08
May. D. H. Sawyer, salary,	\$38 90	
David Russell, horse hire,	12 00	

May. Robert L. Page, labor,	\$ 20	
John Drury, labor,	1 50	
E. O. Keith, labor and supplies,	13 27	
Thos. Fitzgerald, labor,	1 00	
Pat. O'Neil, labor,	1 75	
City of Keene, four loads sand,	2 00	
D. C. King, labor,	22 40	
Wm. P. Chamberlain, cotton flannel,	70	
Cheshire R. R., freight,	61	
Jarecki, Hays & Co., hydrant boxes,	46 60	
Sidney Slate, labor,	75	
G. W. Zimmerman, rebate,	1 25	
Ashuelot R. R., freight,	1 45	
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber,	3 69	
Daniel H. Sawyer, salary,	38 90	
John Humphrey, "	25 00	
E. S. Foster, "	25 00	
N. G. Gurnsey, "	25 00	
W. H. Spalter & Co., books,	2 70	
A. E. Grow, rebate,	1 50	
		\$266 17
June. D. C. King, labor,	\$6 13	
L. Monehan, labor,	1 50	
E. G. Randall, trucking boxes,	25	
Knowlton & Stone, paints, oils, lanterns, and supplies,	13 20	
E. O. Keith, extension Elliot street,	200 55	
Ira W. Russell, rebate,	2 50	
Chas. I. Proctor, "	83	
Nathan Putney, "	1 25	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	38 90	
Patrick Toughey, rebate,	50	
Asa Smith, stamps,	9 00	
David W. Bill, rebate,	2 00	
James Harmon, rebate,	3 75	
		\$280 36

July. Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	\$12 50	
Knowlton & Stone, cement and supplies,	6 59	
D. C. King, labor,	6 13	
Reuben Ray, repairing tools,	2 25	
Cheshire Provident Institution, rebate,	4 33	
Armstrong Mfg. Co., pipe wrench,	3 00	
Luman Weeks, rebate,	11 07	
E. W. Greenwood, rebate,	5 17	
Humphrey Machine Co., labor and material,	4 45	
U. S. and Canada Express, express on pack- age,	30	
M. Armstrong, labor and material,	4 06	
Hiram Blake, rebate,	4 37	
Sarah W. Parker, rebate,	1 67	
D. C. King, labor,	14 00	
John Drury, labor,	1 00	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	46 86	
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		\$127 75
Aug. Charles Russell, rebate,	\$ 83	
Davis, Wright & Co., supplies,	6 77	
Eben Burr, rebate,	1 87	
David Russell, use of horses,	9 25	
Patrick Ahern, labor,	1 13	
Christopher Patten, labor,	1 50	
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		\$21 35
Sept. Mason & Wheeler, rubber mittens,	\$1 25	
W. P. Carr, rebate,	3 75	
D. C. King, labor,	11 37	
George Woodman, tarred pipe,	129 60	
George P. Drown, stock,	35	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	44 45	
Thomas Fitzgerald, labor,	88	
Sidney Slate, labor,	50	
Patrick Quinlan, labor,	38	
Jonas C. Rice, rebate,	50	
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		\$193 03

Oct. D. H. Sawyer, salary,	\$44 44	
Elisha Towne, rebate,	1 00	
D. C. King, labor,	6 19	
Samuel O. Gates, wrench,	50	
Cheshire R. R., freight,	5 70	
Charles Bridgman, supplies,	53	
John S. Steele, filing saws,	25	
David Russell, horse hire,	11 50	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	44 44	
James Doyle, labor,	1 75	
F. F. Lane, rebate,	3 20	
		\$119 50
Nov. Asa Smith, postage and envelopes,	\$9 60	
Chas. Wright, labor at pond,	5 00	
D. C. King, labor,	26 44	
L. Monehan, labor,	3 50	
Water Commissioners, salary for 3 months,	18 75	
Patrick Ryan, labor,	1 50	
Keene Furniture Co., lumber, etc.,	21 30	
E. A. Renouf, rebate,	4 53	
G. H. Richards, rebate,	50	
J. & F. French, cloth,	1 00	
Wm. P. Chamberlain, cotton flannel,	1 30	
Knowlton & Stone, hardware supplies,	9 59	
Reuben Ray, repairs,	40	
Moses Ellis, hydrant covers,	5 60	
James Donnelly, service pipe,	1 02	
E. E. Rugg, rebate,	1 60	
W. W. Mason, rebate,	1 25	
Davis, Wright & Co., sleeves and labor,	2 72	
Mrs. J. A. Towne, rebate,	2 00	
Eugene R. Seaver, “	42	
Nims, Whitney & Co., lumber and boxes,	21 00	
Kirk & Sewell,	20	
Humphrey Machine Co., repairing hydrants,	2 20	
E. O. Keith, labor and material,	25 11	
W. H. Spalter & Co., paper and envelopes,	3 30	

Nov. James Beirne, rebate,	\$ 75	
C. Bridgman, oil and meal,	17	
M. Armstrong & Co., labor and materials,	2 61	
H. W. Hubbard, labor,	50	
David Russell, horse hire,	19 50	
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		\$193 36
Dec. N. G. Gurnsey, salary,	\$6 25	
J. B. Fisher, rubber boots,	7 75	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	44 44	
D. C. King, labor,	14 00	
E. S. Foster, salary,	6 25	
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		\$78 69
Total expense, 1886,		\$1,658 79

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

PAID.

1885.		
Dec. D. C. King, labor,	\$2 19	
M. Armstrong, labor,	72	
D. C. King, "	2 36	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	19 43	
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		\$24 70
1886.		
Jan. D. C. King, labor,	\$1 75	
D. C. King, "	1 75	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	19 44	
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		\$22 94
Feb. D. C. King, labor,	\$2 10	
Knowlton & Stone, cement, etc.,	3 82	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	19 43	
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		\$25 35

Mar. D. C. King, labor,	\$3 50	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	19 44	
	<hr/>	\$22 94
Apr. D. C. King, labor,	\$1 40	
Thos. Fitzgerald, labor,	12 00	
Daniel Coffee, "	3 06	
Peter Mack, "	1 50	
L. Monehan, "	1 75	
Peter McNamara, "	1 50	
W. A. Thatcher, "	1 50	
	<hr/>	\$22 71
May. D. H. Sawyer, salary,	\$19 43	
David Russell, use of team,	11 75	
Drainage Construction Co., hand hole,	54	
Sidney Slate, labor,	11 52	
D. C. King, "	21 00	
Stoddard Lumber Co., plank,	5 43	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	19 44	
	<hr/>	\$89 11
June. D. C. King, labor,	\$14 00	
Michael Gorman, labor,	3 00	
Patrick Ryan, labor,	1 50	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	19 53	
	<hr/>	\$38 03
July. Stoddard Lumber Co., lumber,	\$1 26	
Christopher Patten, labor,	5 25	
D. C. King, labor,	17 50	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	23 43	
A. P. French, surveying for sewers,	1 62	
	<hr/>	\$49 06
Aug. Patrick Quinlan, labor,	\$6 00	
David Russell, horse hire,	3 25	
Thomas Fitzgerald, labor,	12 00	
Patrick Ahern, labor,	10 12	
Christopher Patten, labor,	6 75	
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Sept. D. C. King, labor,	\$11 81	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	22 22	
Patrick Quinlan, labor,	5 62	
	<hr/>	\$39 65
Oct. D. H. Sawyer, salary,	\$22 22	
L. Monehan, labor,	1 50	
D. C. King, labor,	10 50	
Thomas Fitzgerald, labor,	1 50	
David Russell, horse hire,	8 25	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	22 23	
	<hr/>	\$66 20
Nov. D. C. King, labor,	\$3 50	
Knowlton & Stone, hardware supplies,	40 30	
Reuben Ray, repairs,	3 30	
Geo. W. Ball, brick,	6 60	
E. O. Keith, labor and materials,	13 88	
M. Armstrong, labor and materials,	1 65	
Christopher Patten, labor,	1 50	
David Russell, horse hire,	1 25	
D. H. Sawyer, salary,	22 23	
D. C. King, labor,	2 63	
	<hr/>	\$96 84
Dec. Davis, Wright & Co., supplies,	82	
C. Bridgman, oil and meal,	36	
	<hr/>	\$1 18
Total,		<hr/> \$536 83

STREET LIGHTS.

Amount appropriated, \$3,000 00

PAID.

GASOLINE.

Globe Gas Light Co., glass for lamps,	\$16 50
Globe Gas Light Co., lamp posts, etc.,	83 58

Cheshire R. R., freight,	\$5 98
American Express Co.,	80
Keene Gas Light Co., posts and frames,	81 00
Globe Gas Light Co., glass for lamps,	11 00
Globe Gas Light Co., lanterns,	34 32
Cheshire R. R., freight,	58
J. J. Kennedy, repairing lamp posts,	3 25
Globe Gas Light Co., glass for lanterns,	6 60
Boston & Keene Express,	35
Globe Gas Light Co., street lamps,	791 21
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	\$1,035 17

GAS.

Globe Gas Light Co., lamps, posts, etc.,	\$83 57
Cheshire R. R., freight,	5 97
Keene Gas Light Co., posts and frames,	81 00
Knowlton & Stone, sperm oil,	1 55
Keene Gas Light Co., lanterns and labor,	32 81
Keene Gas Light Co., glass, pipe and labor,	5 20
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	1691 58
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	\$1,901 68
Total,	<hr/>
	\$2,936 85
Balance carried to new account,	<hr/>
	\$63 15

SCHOOLS.

UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Balance December 1, 1885,	\$4,472 35
Assignment of June, 1886,	11,232 45
Raised for support of schools in addition to amount required by law,	3,725 00
Raised by vote of April 9, 1885,	1,000 00
Raised by vote of June 30, 1885,	700 00
Raised by vote of April 10, 1886,	1,700 00
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	\$22,829 80

PAID.

Balance due December 1, 1885,	\$4,472 35
Amount raised by vote of June 30, 1885,	700 00
Amount raised by vote of April 10, 1886,	1,700 00
Amount raised in addition to amount required by law,	3,725 00
For support of schools from assignment,	8,559 53
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	\$19,156 88
Balance due district Dec. 1, 1886,	\$3,672 92
Balance for support of schools,	\$2,672 92
Amount raised by vote April 9, 1885,	1,000 00
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	\$3,672 92

TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Balance due old districts,—	
District No. 2,	\$107 14
District No. 3,	84 33
District No. 5,	48 17
District No. 6,	38 68
District No. 7,	85 43
District No. 9,	63 15
District No. 10,	169 12
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	\$596 02
Assignment to town district June, 1886,	\$2,504 83
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	\$3,100 85

PAID.

Balance due old districts Dec. 1, 1885,	\$596 02
For support of schools,	1,500 00
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	\$2,096 02
Due Dec. 1, 1886, for support of schools,	\$1,004 83

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Balance appropriation, 1885,	\$150 30
Amount appropriated, 1886,	500 00
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	\$650 30

PAID.

E. J. C. Gilbert, preparing supplement for printing,	\$6 40
Macdonald & Sons, "Granite Monthly,"	2 50
A. R. Mason, Memoirs Gen. Grant, 2 vols.,	7 00
Estes & Lauriat, History of Rome, Sec. 1, Vol. 1,	10 00
J. H. Hickcock, subscription Government Monthly,	2 00
Library Bureau, manilla paper,	5 00
Estes & Lauriat, History of Rome, Vol. 1, Sec. 2,	10 00
Cleaves, McDonald & Co., books,	485 51
G. H. Tilden & Co., binding,	12 50
Baker Bros., wrapping paper,	7 31
Ticknor & Co., books,	22 50
Charles Scribner & Sons, Ency. Brita.,	6 00
C. F. Gilbert, repairing books,	19 85
Publishers Weekly Library Journal,	5 00
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	\$601 57
Balance carried to new account,	\$48 73

PUBLIC LIBRARY EXPENSE.

Balance appropriated, 1885,	\$333 73
Amount appropriated, 1886,	500 00
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	\$833 73

PAID.

Jennie Brooks, labor,	\$7 20
Morgan, Crossman & Co., stamp,	7 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	8 75
W. H. Spalter & Co., sundries,	2 10
Geo. S. Raymond, cleaning room and shutters,	4 70
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	16 50
Knowlton & Stone, step ladder,	2 00
G. H. Tilden & Co., sundries,	55
W. H. Spalter & Co., paper and stationery,	2 65
E. O. Keith, changing gas fixture,	1 40
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	15 90
Baker Bros., paper,	9 60
Sentinel Printing Co., printing,	53 00
Mrs. McLaughlin, cleaning,	1 50
Keene Gas Light Co., gas,	8 10
Wadsworth & Wright, cleaning clock,	75
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, brush and floor mat,	5 50
Mrs. McLaughlin, cleaning room,	75
Baker Bros., paper,	9 44
Miss Z. B. Gilmore, Assistant Librarian,	63 40
Mrs. L. M. Converse, salary as Librarian,	300 00
Miss Brooks, labor,	7 20
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	\$520 79
Balance carried to new account,	<hr/> \$312 94

STEAMER HOUSE EXTENSION.

Balance appropriation, 1885,	\$1,257 60
Amount appropriated by joint resolution passed Oct. 21, 1886,	240 00
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	\$1,497 60

PAID.

Webb Granite Co., stone,	\$20 88
Clapp & Dinsmoor, oils, paints and labor,	38 35
H. E. Hubbard, to laying brick and other labor,	130 63
H. E. Hubbard, to extra work,	45 00
Kirk & Sewall, tin, pipe and labor,	160 35
Stoddard Lumber Co., lumber,	993 24
H. W. Hubbard, pipe and labor,	5 96
E. A. Nims, for services and labor on building as per request committee,	25 00
Clapp & Dinsmoor, paints and labor,	29 00
M. Armstrong & Co., labor and stock,	21 05
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	\$1,469 46
Balance carried to new account,	<hr/> \$28 14

WATER WORKS EXTENSION.

Amount appropriated, \$37,000 00

PAID.

Edward Gustine, expenses to Pennsylvania, buying pipe,	\$90 98
A. P. French, surveying,	72 31
C. T. Buffum, land of Oren Shelly,	122 54
Edward Gustine, expense of self and Humphrey to Boston,	13 10
A. P. French, surveying,	16 50
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending July 29,	122 51
D. C. King, labor,	4 82
Chadwick Lead Works, 61 pigs lead,	308 52
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Aug. 5,	259 95
Cheshire R. R., freight bill,	11 44
Wiswall Bros., deed land,	75 00
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, August 12,	320 70
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, August 21,	321 79
C. T. Buffum, deed of land, Rufus S. Frost,	30 00

C. T. Buffum, pay roll, August 29,	\$375 22
A. P. French, surveying,	14 65
C. C. Buffum, recording deeds, etc.,	6 86
R. D. Wood & Co., pipe,	795 21
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Sept. 4,	283 06
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Sept. 11,	324 01
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Sept. 18,	295 76
Silas Hardy, deed land and water pipes rights, Roxbury,	100 00
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Sept. 25,	434 56
Mrs. Wheeler, right of way,	25 00
Mrs. Chapman, " "	75 00
Deed, Woodward Pond, water extension,	2,000 00
Rachel Woodward, right of way,	100 00
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight,	7 01
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, Oct 2,	561 82
A. P. French, surveying,	24 30
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight,	6 00
David Cass, labor,	40 00
Cheshire R. R., freight,	55 61
Cheshire R. R., freight,	143 35
Boston & Lowell R. R., freight,	6 00
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Oct. 9,	712 97
J. Harrington, labor,	1 40
Chadwick Lead Works, lead,	469 37
Humphrey Machine Co.,	1,000 00
Knowlton & Stone, cement and tools,	513 73
Chadwick Lead Works, lead,	392 42
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Oct. 16,	800 26
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Oct. 23,	806 14
Henry M. Nims, land damage,	25 00
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Oct. 30,	701 78
T. Brooks Hadley, dynamite,	403 10
David Cass, labor,	200 00
Donaldson Iron Co., iron pipe,	2,227 49
Beaver Mills, supplies,	20 50
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Nov. 6,	780 35
W. U. Telegraph Co., messages,	85

Cheshire and Boston & Lowell R.R. freight bill,	\$776 62
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Nov. 13,	651 08
David Cass, labor on upper dam,	520 77
F. E. Keyes, powder,	16 85
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Nov. 20,	551 86
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, in addition,	9 50
C. T. Buffum, pay roll, week ending Nov. 27,	606 29
A. P. French, surveying,	1 50
David Cass, labor,	43 22
Geo. A. Hall, deed of farm,	1,400 00
A. B. & S. W. Skinner, powder and fuse,	44 95
Spencer & Co., cement and supplies,	726 25
A. T. Batchelder, lead,	7 17
E. O. Keith, labor and supplies,	51 35
Keene Granite Co., stone,	55 68
Geo. E. Holbrook, hogsheads,	2 50
Work performed by E. A. Nims and team,	8 75
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	\$21,973 28
Balance carried to new account,	\$15,026 72

FIRE ALARM EXTENSION.

Amount voted as per joint resolution,	\$550 00
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PAID.

Geo. M. Stevens, apparatus,	\$385 00
A. L. Russell, coppers,	2 75
A. L. Russell, jars,	4 50
Geo. M. Stevens, fire alarm box, Beaver Mills,	50 00
Cheshire R. R., freight,	1 70
E. Gustine, expenses to Boston,	7 00
New England Telegraph Co., line wire, materials and work,	56 16
M. J. Perault, key boxes,	1 50
F. G. Pratt, work and material on extension,	8 00
Humphrey Machine Co., bolts, weights, etc.,	14 00

Spencer & Co., bolts,	\$ 36	
J. A. Batchelder, bill for bell attachment and sundries,	12 25	
		<u>\$543 22</u>
Balance,		<u>\$6 78</u>

MEMORIAL DAY.

Amount voted as per joint resolution,	\$150 00
Paid John Sedgwick Post, "	<u>\$150 00</u>

MINISTERIAL FUND.

Amount to be divided,	\$159 96
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PAID.

S. C. Keeler,	\$26 66	
C. E. Harrington,	26 66	
J. R. Power,	26 66	
G. W. Gallagher,	26 66	
W. H. Eaton,	26 66	
W. B. T. Smith,	26 66	
		<u>\$159 96</u>

SIMMONS FUND.

Amount of interest,	\$60 00
Divided as per order passed Feb. 18, 1886.	

PAID.

Charlotte Heustis,	\$8 56
Keziah Billings,	8 56
Mrs. S. W. Raymond,	8 56

Ann Cummings,	\$8 56
Sylvia Snow,	8 56
J. A. Metcalf,	8 56
Jane Tufts,	8 56
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	\$59 92
Balance,	<hr/>
	\$ 08

FIRE HOSE.

Amount appropriated as per joint resolution passed April 3, 1886,	\$747 10
PAID.	
1000 feet cotton fabric hose,	\$747 10
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	\$747 10

HIBBARD FUND.

PAID.	
Henry Purcell, labor on lot,	\$8 00

DOG FUND.

PAID.	
W. B. Reed, sheep killed,	\$5 00

SIDEWALK AND STREET GRADES.

Amount appropriated as per joint resolution passed Oct. 20, 1885, to establish a uniform grade of streets and sidewalks,	\$500 00
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PAID.

A. P. French, surveying,	\$235 87
Thos. G. Lovell, surveying and plans,	26 00
Cheshire R. R., fare to Fitchburg and return,	3 00
E. R. Locke, serving notices,	3 00
A. P. French, surveying,	18 35
A. S. Whitcomb, grade stakes,	6 37
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	\$292 59
Balance unexpended,	<hr/>
	\$207 41

COUNTY TAX.

Amount paid County Treasurer,	\$12,404 17
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HINSDALE PAUPER.

Paid support of Mrs. Knapp and family,	\$18 25
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RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Literary fund, 1885,	\$708 82
Insurance tax, “	359 25
Railroad tax, “	5,118 75
Savings bank tax, “	13,744 93
Sale N. H. bonds,	2,632 75
City Clerk, store rents,	1,316 60
E. O. Keith, city hall rent,	1,608 50
S. O. Gates, Collector water works,	13,045 64
S. O. Gates, Collector Taxes, 1883,	457 52
L. P. Alden, Collector Taxes, 1884,	406 00
S. O. Gates, Collector Taxes, 1885,	18,100 00
S. O. Gates, Collector Taxes, 1886,	58,300 00
D. H. Sawyer, Superintendent sewer department,	255 00
D. H. Sawyer, Superintendent water department,	98 73
Use of reservoir,	120 00
E. A. Nims, Superintendent highways,	254 25
Licenses,	222 00
Police court fines,	459 00
Public library, fines and catalogues,	66 15
Samuel Nims, condemned hose, etc., sold,	198 08
Samuel Nims, reimbursement W. H. Cross,	30 00
Milton Blake, reimbursement W. H. Cross,	18 79
P. Howland, Overseer of Poor,	3,084 67
Susan F. Eastburn, legacy,	300 00
Roxbury, perambulating town lines,	2 00
Overcharge on freight,	6 00
N. G. Gurnsey, powder returned,	2 25
Cheshire Provident Institution, interest on ministerial fund for 1885,	67 12
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, interest on ministerial fund for 1885,	67 12

Geo. H. Nims, $\frac{1}{3}$ note for timber on ministerial lot,

Transferred from dog fund,	\$321 67
Cheshire County, land damage,	395 00
Assessments for concrete walk,	337 00
Literary fund, 1886,	438 75
Insurance tax, "	812 16
Railroad tax, "	378 00
Savings bank tax, "	5,872 93
	16,315 70

Balance in treasury Dec. 5, 1885,

\$145,921 13
\$17,376 73
<hr/> \$163,297 86

EXPENDITURES.

Orders outstanding Dec. 5, 1885,	\$1,486 47
Ordinary city charges,	7,456 27
City paupers,	3,589 28
County paupers,	3,210 46
Highways and bridges,	13,289 83
Fire department,	3,261 71
Police department,	1,753 66
Water works,	1,370 39
Water works extension,	288 40
Sewers,	401 36
Sewers, new,	135 47
Street Lamps,	2,936 85
Schools,	21,252 90
Public Library,	601 57
Public Library expense,	520 79
Steamer house extension,	1,469 46
New water works extension,	21,973 28
Fire alarm extension,	543 22
Memorial day,	150 00
Ministerial fund,	159 96
Simmons fund,	59 92

Fire hose,	\$747 10
Sidewalk and street grades,	292 59
County tax,	12,404 17
Hibbard fund,	8 00
Dog fund,	5 00
Hinsdale pauper,	18 25
Deposit at Boston to pay coupons for 18 months,	13,800 00
State tax, two years,	27,320 00
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, ministerial fund,	643 34
Cheshire Provident Institution, water loan sinking fund,	6,316 37
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, water loan sinking fund,	6,316 38
Water bond due July 1, 1886,	1,000 00
Interest on water bonds,	6,219 50
Ashuelot National Bank, interest,	44 70
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	\$161,046 65
Less outstanding orders,	131 04
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	\$160,915 61
Balance in treasury Dec. 11, 1886,	2,382 25
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	\$163,297 86

INDEBTEDNESS.

WATER BONDS.

Due.	Rate of interest.	Amount due.
1887, January 1,	6 per cent.	\$4,000
1887, July 1,	"	7,500
1888, July 1,	"	500
1889, January 1,	"	21,700
1890, July 1,	"	11,300
1892, January 1,	"	4,000
1892, July 1,	"	9,000
1893, July 1,	"	5,500
1896, October 1,	"	10,000
1899, January 1,	5 per cent.	35,000

\$108,500

RAILROAD GRATUITY BONDS.

1894, July 1,	4 per cent.	\$15,000
1895, "	"	15,000
1896, "	"	15,000
1897, "	"	15,000
1898, "	"	15,000
1899, "	"	15,000
1900, "	"	15,000
1901, "	"	15,000
1902, "	"	15,000
1903, "	"	15,000
1904, "	"	10,000

\$160,000

SEWERAGE BONDS.

1905, July 1,	4 per cent.	\$15,000
1906, "	"	15,000
1907, "	"	15,000
1908, "	"	15,000
1909, "	"	10,000

\$70,000

Total bonded city debt,

\$338,500

ASSETS, DECEMBER 11, 1886.

Due from Collector of Taxes, 1885,	\$2,029 09
Due from Collector of Taxes, 1886,	19,152 80
Due from water rates,	889 74
Water loan sinking fund deposited with Cheshire Provident Institution,	19,214 68
Water loan sinking fund deposited with Keene Five Cents Savings Bank,	15,699 23
Keene Five Cents Savings Bank, ministerial fund, Dec. 1, 1886,	3,999 46
Dog fund, 1885, balance,	193 00
Geo. H. Nims, balance due on note, minis- terial lot, due Oct. 1887,	321 66
Balance in treasury Dec. 11, 1886,	2,382 25
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	\$89,881 91

TRUST FUNDS.

IN CARE OF CITY TREASURER.

HIBBARD LEGACY, \$1000.—Invested in two \$500 6 per cent. Iowa Loan and Trust Co. debentures. Income used in taking care of Salma Hale lot in cemetery, balance for schools.

CHARLES FAULKNER LEGACY, \$2500.—Invested in one \$1000 Keene water bond, two \$500 Keene water bond, one \$500 town of Hinsdale bond. Income used in improving and ornamenting Woodland cemetery.

IN THE CITY TREASURY.

SIMMONS FUND, \$1300.—In city treasury. Given by David Simmons. Interest for the benefit of "aged and infirm women residents of Keene."

MINISTERIAL FUND, \$3,999 46.—Deposited in Keene Five Cents Savings Bank. Derived from sale of wood on "ministerial lot." Interest divided annually among the clergymen of Keene.

PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE CITY.

City water works,	\$150,000 00.
Additional water works,	35,000 00.
City hall building,	35,500 00
Furniture in same,	1,000 00
Fire department,	11,000 00
Land and buildings, Vernon street,	7,000 00
City pasture,	2,000 00
Water works stock and tools,	1,277 01
Highway tools and horses,	2,000 00
City Marshal's office,	200 00
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	\$244,977 01

We have examined the City Treasurer's and City Clerk's books, and find that all the payments therein recorded are correct, to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A. T. BATCHELDER,

C. T. BUFFUM,

JOHN GOULD,

CHAS. WRIGHT, 2d,

Committee on Finance.

December 23, 1886.

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR 1887.

To the City Councils of the City of Keene :

The Finance Committee present the following estimates of the amount of money necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and respectfully recommend that \$30,000 of the amount be raised by taxation and the balance be paid from the balance now in the treasury :

Ordinary city charges,	\$6,000 00
City paupers,	3,500 00
Highways and bridges,	10,000 00
Public sewers, new,	500 00
Fire department,	2,500 00
Police,	2,000 00
Lighting streets,	2,000 00
Public library,	500 00
Support of public library,	500 00
Memorial services,	150 00
Interest on sewer loan,	2,800 00
Interest on M. & K. R. R. gratuity bonds,	6,400 00
Payment of water bonds,	11,500 00
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	\$48,350 00

1886.

Valuation of the city, \$5,938,529 00
 Tax assessed for the year, 77,764 66
 Rate of taxation \$1.15 per \$100; .13 per \$100 additional for
 Union School District.

POLLS, VALUATION AND TAXES ASSESSED FROM
 1874 TO 1886 INCLUSIVE.

Year.	No. Polls.	Valuation.	Taxes.
1874,	1919	\$4,298,386 00	\$61,065 27
1875,	1789	4,676,117 00	67,354 78
1876,	1813	5,737,350 00	72,341 30
1877,	1842	4,852,664 00	75,961 25
1878,	1815	5,366,918 00	75,639 77
1879,	1717	5,981,876 00	62,521 84
1880,	1802	5,757,752 00	60,758 19
1881,	1842	5,671,628 00	70,601 40
1882,	1900	5,849,418 00	67,430 85
1883,	1908	5,936,182 00	73,909 11
1884,	1795	5,922,043 00	72,281 96
1885,	1869	5,849,292 00	72,910 08
1886,	1845	5,938,529 00	77,764 66

HIGHWAYS.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils:

I herewith submit the following report as Superintendent of Highways in the city of Keene, for the year ending Dec. 1, 1886.

Since the time of making the usual Spring repairs the highways have been in good condition. All the bridges and sluices are in good order. There have been 875 loads of river gravel put upon the streets taken from the city pasture. There have been no casualties caused by defects in the highways during the year.

Substantial improvements have been made on Court street, near Henry Darling's. New sidewalks have been added to old Gilsum road, Baker, Marlboro', Carroll and Elm streets. Elm street has also been widened between Mechanic and Cross streets.

Concrete walks have been built on several of the streets which has largely increased the expenses charged to this department. Below will be found a detailed account of this expense:

CONCRETE SIDEWALKS.

E. W. Gustine, labor,	\$113 25
J. C. Storey & Co., tar,	361 90
Cheshire R. R., freight,	100 38
Simpson Bros., work,	2,045 41
Spencer & Co., three rakes,	3 00
Sawyer & Burnham, lumber,	3 64
Work performed by city teams and others charged to highway account,	1,655 95
Total amount paid out,	<hr/> \$4,283 53

There have been several new streets built this year, viz: Sullivan, Wilbur, Willow, Ellis, and an extension of Lincoln street, and the completion of Appian Way, which has also largely added to the expense.

NEW STREETS CONSTRUCTED AND EXPENSE OF SAME.

Sullivan street,	\$190 00
Wilbur " "	175 00
Cemetery " "	165 00
Willow " "	172 00
Elm " "	128 50
Street near Beaver Mills,	182 00
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	\$1,012 50

By order of the City Councils I have performed work in changing course of stream near Catholic cemetery at a cost of \$78 00.

The following is a list of property in my possession belonging to the city:

2 pair horses,	\$1,100 00
5 harnesses,	125 00
8 blankets,	18 00
2 carts,	125 00
1 sled,	40 00
1 large roller,	300 00
1 small roller,	15 00
1 Champion road scraper,	150 00
3 small scrapers,	10 00
1 Benefactor scraper,	25 00
2 plows,	5 00
5 snow plows,	62 50
10 shovels,	5 00
8 picks,	4 00
6 iron bars,	7 00
6 large and 2 small hammers,	5 00
2 large drills and stone tools,	4 50
3 saws and 2 augers,	3 00
2 wheelbarrows,	4 00

3 chains,	\$4 00
A set of fall blocks,	7 00
Small lot of draining tile,	10 00
Lot of miscellaneous highway tools,	12 00
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	\$2,041 00

For expenses see finance report. I have deposited \$45.25 with City Treasurer for work done and material sold.

CITY PASTURE.

Received for use of city pasture up to Dec. 1st, \$72.00, which I deposited with City Treasurer. There is \$78.00 uncollected.

The fences have been repaired with but small expense, and the brush has been cut.

Respectfully submitted,

E. A. NIMS,

Superintendent of Highways.

WATER WORKS AND SEWERS.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL

REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS.

To the City Councils:

We hand you herewith the report of the Superintendent of Keene Water Works for the year ending December 1, 1886, which gives the required information relative to the affairs of that office, but does not include accounts of receipts from water rentals as taken by the City Collector, which we take pleasure in reporting as follows, viz :

ASSESSMENTS.

Nos. 33 and 34 (for current year),	\$15,326 32
Balance reported Dec. 1, 1885,	589 46
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Total given Collector,	\$15,915 78
This is accounted for as follows :	
By cash deposited with City Treasurer,	\$12,120 00
discounts on advance payments,	2,733 06
abated as erroneous or uncollectable,	172 98
balance uncollected,	889 74
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	\$15,915 78

The earnings of the water works for the year may be computed as follows :

Assessments No. 33 and 34,	\$15,326 32
Due for ice from reservoir,	120 00
Receipts from tappings, etc.,	98 73
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	\$15,545 05

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Less advance discounts,	\$2,733 06
abated as uncollectable,	172 98
refunded by orders on Treasurer,	89 49
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	\$2,995 53
Making gross earnings,	\$12,549 52

WORKING EXPENSES.

Management and repairs,	\$1,096 13
Leaves net earnings,	\$11,453 39
Or \$827.10 more than the earnings of 1885, and a very gratifying increase.	

This renewed evidence of increasing demand and the near approach to the limit of the Sylvan lake supply shown by the measurements given by the Superintendent, should make it apparent to all, except the pseudo-bleptic ones who *will not* see, that the introduction of an auxilliary supply is not only a judicious but a *necessary* move.

The expenditures on construction account as given by the Superintendent, relate only to the original or Sylvan lake system; the construction of the auxilliary or "Echo lake," system now in progress being in the hands of a special committee and not yet officially in charge of the water board.

The sewer department report of the Superintendent needs no comment; but experience in that line, as well as in water works construction, shows that work done under the department supervision is quite as profitable to the city as that of outside contractors, notwithstanding opinions of local prophets.

In conclusion, we desire to say the business of the department has been run smoothly, the Superintendent and Collector have performed their duties faithfully and well, and patrons have been well served, except, perhaps, in quality of water, which for a time was not as good as might be desired, but with the expected supply from the Echo lake extension, it is to be hoped that deficiency of quality or quantity will occasion no further annoyance, and we congratulate the members of the City Councils of 1886 for the inauguration and successful prosecution of an enterprise

eminently creditable to their administration, and the citizens of Keene upon the possession and enjoyment of a system of water works which, for utility and adaptation, is seldom equalled, and which must inure largely to the material advantage and future prosperity of the city.

Respectfully submitted,

N. G. GURNSEY,

JOHN HUMPHREY,

Water Commissioners.

Keene, December, 1886.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Water Commissioners:

Gentlemen,—I herewith present the annual report of the Superintendent of the Water Works and Sewer Department for the year ending December 1, 1886:

WATER WORKS.

SERVICE PIPES.

Reported December 1, 1885,	1,101
Additions in 1886,	34
Whole number Dec. 1, 1886,	1,135

ASSESSMENTS.

Thirty-third assessment, Dec. 1, 1885,	\$7,294 91
Thirty-fourth assessment, June 1, 1886,	8,031 41
Amount of assessments for 1886,	\$15,326 32
Amount uncollected as per report Dec. 1, 1885,	589 46
Total assessment delivered to Collector,	\$15,915 78

Of this amount the following sum has been abated and refunded by orders on Treasurer:

On 31st assessment,	\$4 16
" 32nd "	42 92
" 33d "	25 83
" 34th "	16 58
Amount,	\$89 49

CASH ACCOUNT.

Received of E. O. Keith, balance on tapping account,	\$62 99
Received of M. Armstrong, balance on tapping account,	22 24
Received of Davis & Wright, balance on tapping account,	9 14
Received of James Donnelly, one extension stop box,	1 26
Received of Cheshire R. R. Co., stock used repairing leak,	1 75
Received for old pipe sold,	1 35
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Total receipts,	\$98 73
Deposited with City Treasurer,	\$98 73

CURRENT EXPENSES.

15 months salary, John Humphrey, Commissioner,	\$31 25
18 months salary, N. G. Gurnsey, Commissioner,	37 50
18 months salary, E. S. Foster, Commissioner,	37 50
Salary D. H. Sawyer, Superintendent,	513 59
Sentinel Printing Co., printing assessment statements, etc.,	12 50
W. H. Spalter & Co., envelopes and stationery,	13 28
Asa Smith, stamps and postals,	20 10
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	\$665 72

ON REPAIRS.

Amount of bills for labor and materials on repairs,	\$405 73
Used from stock on hand,	24 68
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	\$430 41
Total amount of current expenses and repairs,	\$1,096 13

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

Balance on new hydrant, Court street, \$24 25

ELLIOT STREET EXTENSION.

260 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe, }
One 2-inch wheel valve, } 85 75

VERNON STREET EXTENSION.

300 feet of 2 inch wrought iron pipe, }
One 2-inch wheel valve, } 114 80
One 2-inch Humphrey valve, }

SPRING STREET EXTENSION.

42 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe, }
One 2-inch blow off, } 19 78

SPRING COURT.

One 1½-inch blow off, 6 86

ELLIS STREET EXTENSION.

147 feet of 2-inch wrought iron pipe, }
One 1½-inch blow off, } 36 96

Total expenditure in 1886, \$288 40

Amount as per account, 1885, 168,631 93

Making construction account Dec. 1, 1886, \$168,920 33

STOCK ACCOUNT.

Paid Jarecki, Hays & Co., 37 stop boxes, \$48 05

Humphrey Machine Co., 1 hydrant, 45 00

Geo. Woodman & Co., 1004⅔ feet 2-inch
pipe, 129 60

Davis, Farnum & Co., 3 cast iron sleeves, 7 18

freight and trucking pipe, 5 95

Value of stock reported Dec. 1, 1885, 1,026 03

Value of tools reported Dec. 1, 1885, 110 35

\$1,372 16

Received of E. O. Keith, 21 extension boxes, \$27 76

“ M. Armstrong, 5 “ 6 49

Received of Davis & Wright, 2 extension boxes,	\$2 62
“ James Donnelly, 1 “	1 26
“ Cheshire Railroad Co., stock mend- ing pipe,	1 75
Received for old pipe sold,	1 35
Used from stock on extension,	29 24
Used from stock on repairs and depreciation on tools,	24 68

\$95 15

ON HAND.

84 feet of 12-inch cast iron pipe,	\$134 63
96 “ 10 “ “ “	119 21
76 “ 8 “ “ “	70 04
756 “ 6 “ “ “	517 71
6 “ 4 “ “ “	2 50
54 “ 4-inch wrought iron pipe,	31 00
22 “ 3 “ “ “	6 50
857 “ 2 “ “ “	115 45
1 4-inch hydrant,	40 00
5 2-inch connection valves,	40 00
2 2-inch hydrant valves,	6 00
7 ¾-inch stop cock,	3 00
2 4x4-inch cast iron tees.	8 64
1 4-inch cast iron sleeve,	} 7 18
2 6 “ “ “ “	
5 hydrant screws,	22 50
5 No. 2 extension stop boxes,	6 30
10 No. 3 extension stop boxes,	13 60
1 brass wire screen,	7 50
Lot of old cement pipe,	6 00
Lot rubber cloth and hemp cord,	10 00

\$1,167 76

TOOLS, ETC.

Office furniture, 2 water gauges,	\$40 00
2 pumps,	3 00
2 pairs of tongs, 1 pair of snips,	8 00

14 shovels, 14 picks,	\$10 00
2 brush hooks,	2 00
2 hammers and 3 pipe wrenches,	6 00
3 lanterns and 4 pails,	3 00
1 jackscrew, 1 hand ax,	3 25
1 wheelbarrow,	5 50
1 furnace,	2 50
3 pairs of rubber boots, 1 pair of rubber mittens,	8 00
Lot of gate wrenches,	10 00
Lot of miscellaneous articles,	8 00
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	\$109 25
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	\$1,372 16

SEWER DEPARTMENT.

Number of connections Dec. 1, 1885,	293
Number of connections added since Dec. 1, 1885,	51
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Total Dec. 1, 1886,	344

RECEIPTS.

Received for permits,	\$255 00
Deposited with City Treasurer,	255 00

EXPENDITURES.

Salary of Superintendent,	\$248 37
Materials and labor on repairs,	152 99
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	\$401 36

CONSTRUCTION ACCOUNT.

237 feet of 6-inch pipe and moving flush tank from Court to Prospect street,	\$122 67
Putting into main pipe 9 additional Ys,	12 70
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	\$135 37
Cost of construction as reported Dec. 1, 1885,	80,378 68
Total construction account to Dec. 1, 1886,	<hr/>
	\$80,514 05

The past season has been very favorable as regards the repairs on water works, there having been but few breaks on the main pipe. The most serious trouble has been with our water supply. The following table shows the measurement of the water in Sylvan lake each year at low water mark since 1880:

October 28, 1880,	6 feet 10 inches of water at gate house.
February 10, 1881,	6 " 7 " " "
December 30, 1882,	9 " 10½ " " "
December 18, 1883,	6 " 9½ " " "
November 22, 1884,	5 " 6 " " "
January 1, 1885,	7 " 5½ " " "
November 13, 1886,	3 " 10½ " " "

As the water in the reservoir measures 15⅓ feet when full, it will be seen from the above table that there is a large margin left exposed upon which more or less vegetation grows during the warm weather, and when it is overflowed by an abundant rain fall, and immediately sealed by freezing over, as was the case last winter, a gas will necessarily be formed by decomposition, which will impart to the water an unpleasant taste and odor. This trouble, I think, however, will be less liable to occur when the new supply from Roaring brook is connected, as it is expected that the lake will be kept at high water mark. Since November 13 the water supply has increased fourteen inches, making five feet of water December 1, 1886.

The sewers have required more attention this year than usual. The flush tanks and large mains have worked perfectly, but there has been five stoppages on the six-inch lines. Two of these were occasioned by roots growing into the pipes. The others were on the low grades on the Beaver brook section, and were caused by pieces of cloth and garbage being thrown into the sewers, which at high water formed dams that the flush tanks could not remove. This trouble can be remedied by using more care about what is put into the sewers. But how to prevent roots from growing into the pipes is a serious question, if there is very much pipe laid as it was on Taylor street, where we found by taking up the pipe that there was a space of two or three inches on the bottom of every joint that was not cemented, leaving a free opening for the water to leak into the ditch, causing the ditch to become a

network of roots, and one of the joints was completely filled and about forty feet of the pipe that was relaid was found one-third full of roots. We had the same trouble on the west side of Main street, but not quite as bad. The system, as far as apparent, is in good working condition at the present time.

D. H. SAWYER,

Superintendent.

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER.

To His Honor the Mayor and City Councils :

Gentlemen,—In compliance with the ordinances of the city I respectfully present my report as Chief Engineer of Keene fire department.

MEMBERSHIP.

The fire department consists of six engineers and four companies of firemen, Steamer and hose, Washington Hook and Ladder, Deluge and Phœnix hose companies, each company containing twenty men.

HOUSES.

The Steamer house needs a larger steam heater, as the one used is not sufficient to warm the house. The Deluge house needs painting on the outside. And for the Phœnix and Hook and Ladder companies, houses in a better location should be provided.

APPARATUS.

With one exception the apparatus remains as last year. The Steamer company bought a fine hose wagon and requested the engineers to permit them to use it in place of the hose carriage. The request was granted and I would recommend that the carriage be sold.

HYDRANTS.

We have now 132 hydrants. As all the hydrants about the square, except the one in the park, are near the buildings, they

could not be used in case of a large fire, therefore I would recommend that one with four or more gates be put in at the south end of the park.

SUPPLIES.

The Committee on Fire Department have purchased 1000 feet of cotton fabric hose and have sold 1000 feet of old leather hose. The leather hose now in use must soon be replaced by new.

UNIFORMS.

The Deluge uniforms belong to the company. The engineers have provided themselves with new. All are in good condition.

FIRE ALARM.

Our electric fire alarm gives general satisfaction. There have been two new boxes added this year, one at Cheshire R. R. shop and one at Beaver Mills. I would recommend that at least six more boxes be added. One at the corner of Water and Grove streets should be put in as soon as possible, because if the box at Beaver Mills should be rung in for a fire at the shoe shop, or on Grove street, the department would go to box 13 and cause much delay, as there is no place to cross the railroad except at Main street.

DISCIPLINE.

The discipline of the department is good.

CONDITION OF THE DEPARTMENT.

The department was never in better working order than at present. I think the annual inspection on the 22d of last October showed to our citizens that we have one of the finest departments, of its size, in the State.

EXPENSES.

See Finance Committee's report for details of expenses.

ALARMS OF FIRE.

January 15, 1.30 p. m., Gerould's block. Loss \$225; insurance received, \$225.

February 4, 11.57 a. m., box 32, house on Forest street, owned by Keene Five Cents Savings bank. No loss.

March 7, 11.20 p. m., box 23, false alarm.

March 12, 1.05 a. m., box 23, house on Beech street, owned by Edwin H. Clark, occupied by W. Page. Loss on house \$525; insurance, \$525, not accepted. Furniture well insured; insurance company refused to pay it.

March 21, 3.15 a. m., Cheshire R. R. depot, chimney burnt. No loss.

March 25, 12.05 a. m., box 16, T. O'Connor's house, Kelleher street. Loss \$37.

May 23, 7.20 p. m., box 2-2, brush fire, West hill.

May 30, 1.20 a. m., Baker's block, Main street. Loss \$175; insurance received, \$175.

June 28, 1.15 p. m., Green's dry house, Washington street. Loss \$65; no insurance.

June 28, 5.30 p. m., accidental alarm caused by telephone men.

July 7, 12.45 p. m., box 16, tar barrels, Main street. No loss.

July 9, 7.45 p. m., box 42, Pratt's ice house, West street. No loss.

September 21, 2.45 p. m., telephone alarm, gas house. Loss \$300; not insured.

October 21, 1.15 p. m., box 42, H. Aldrich's house, School street, chimney burnt. No loss.

October 23, 10.14 a. m., call alarm, 2-2, brush fire, West hill.

October 24, 11.59 a. m., call alarm, 2-2, brush fire, old Gilsum road.

December 10, 6.03 p. m., box 9, Impervious Package Co., Mechanic street, chimney burnt. No loss.

Total amount of loss during year 1886 to December 16, \$1,327.00. Insurance received for losses, \$400.00.

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY.

Steamer,	\$4,300 00
Hand engine at Woodbury's mills,	500 00
Hand engine at South Keene,	500 00
Deluge hose carriage,	800 00
Phoenix hose carriage,	650 00
3 jumpers,	175 00
2 hook and ladder trucks, etc.,	1,200 00

Steamer hose carriage,	\$350 00
3 hose sleighs,	75 00
Cotton hose,	2,470 00
Leather hose,	700 00
Fire alarms,	800 00
Engineers' lanterns,	20 00
6 hydrant gates,	45 00
One Y coupling,	65 00
15 rubber coats,	30 00
Uniforms of Steamer Co.,	250 00
Uniforms of Phoenix Hose Co.,	250 00
Uniforms of Washington Hook and Ladder Co.,	125 00
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	\$13,305 00

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion I wish to extend my sincere thanks to his Honor the Mayor and the City Councils; also to express my gratitude to my assistants and to the companies who have always so promptly and cheerfully responded to all calls to duty. It is highly gratifying to note the interest which the men take in their work and their hearty co-operation in its performance.

Mr. Pratt also deserves commendation for his efficient service in the care of the fire alarm telegraph.

FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH.

Location of boxes and instructions to firemen and officers.

LOCATION OF BOXES.

Box 6, Central telephone office, general telephone alarm.

Box 9, Central Square, at city hall.

Box 13, Beaver Mills.

Box 16, Main street, corner Marlboro' street.

Box 23, Roxbury street, corner Beech street.

Box 32, Elm street, corner High street.

Box 42, School street, corner West street.

Box 52, Cheshire R. R. shops.

Each box when pulled strikes its number on all the bells in the circuit and repeats four rounds if properly pulled in. Whenever a box alarm is sounded, firemen will proceed *directly to the box pulled in*, unless sooner ascertaining the exact location of the fire.

SIGNALS.

1. The Engineers reserve the right to the Superintendent to strike one blow upon the bells at any time, to test the circuit; also to ring in *one round* from any box, preceded by a single blow, exactly five minutes after the noon stroke, on Saturdays, for the purpose of testing the boxes.

2. The signal 22 repeated on the bells is to call the firemen to their houses for further orders.

3. Two blows struck upon the bells after a fire alarm is a signal to "limber up," and recalls all firemen and apparatus to the engine houses unless specially detailed for duty.

4. In case of a serious fire the Engineers may cause a second alarm to be sounded from the nearest box. A second alarm is given by striking ten blows, followed by the box number.

5. As box 9, which is located on city hall, is still likely to be used for a general alarm, and to be pulled for a fire which is *not* in or near the Square, the Engineers will ring in a second alarm of four full rounds from this box, if there is a fire of any magnitude near the Square.

6. The old alarm on city hall will only be rung in case of serious fire.

7. Arrangements have been made with the Beaver Mills Co., and alarms of fire will be given on their whistle same as by the bells.

GENERAL RULES.

Firemen, as well as citizens, should familiarize themselves with the following rules for giving alarms of fire :

1. Never pull a box for a fire seen at a distance.

2. Never pull a box while the alarm bells are ringing, nor until a box has completed its four (4) rounds. Two boxes cannot operate together and neither will work if two are pulled at

the same time. Never pull two alarms or two boxes for the same fire. The Engineers will sound second alarms if necessary.

3. To ring in an alarm, break the glass in the key box and open the outside box door with the key. Pull down the brass crank or hook, seen inside, three or four inches, *till it stops*, then let go. Then let the box alone. The clock work will be seen or heard to be running, and the alarm will follow in half a minute or so. Close the box and remove the key.

4. Remember that the firemen will come directly to the box which has been pulled. See that they are directed to the fire, if necessary.

TELEPHONE ALARMS.

Box 6, which is located in the central telephone office, is the box which will be pulled to sound all alarms of fire sent in by telephone. When this box is pulled, firemen and others can ascertain the location of the fire from the telephone office.

Do not send a telephone alarm if there is an alarm box within reasonable distance. Box alarms are always the surest and best. Telephones can seldom be used during thunder showers; the boxes can always be used.

To send in a telephone alarm, call the central office. Tell the operator slowly first the ward, then the street and house where the fire is situated. The operator will repeat, "Fire, Ward so and so, such street or house." Answer, "All right," if you are correctly understood. If the fire is in South Keene or West Keene, give that fact instead of the ward number. The operator will then leave the telephone and sound the alarm.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. BATCHELDER,

Chief Engineer.

Keene, Dec. 16, 1886.

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The Trustees of the Public Library submit the following report:

Dr.	
To balance of unexpended appropriations,	\$150 00
appropriations for 1886,	500 00
received of Librarian for catalogues,	20 00
received of Librarian for fines,	42 15
Total,	\$712 15
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By amount expended for books,	\$562 72
amount expended binding and repairing,	38.85
cash paid City Treasurer for catalogues and fines,	62 15
unexpended balance Dec. 1, 1886,	48 53
Total,	\$712 15
Number of new books purchased present year,	358
" gifts,	67
" books lost,	0
" books discarded,	35
" volumes in library Dec. 1, 1886,	6,360
" volumes issued from Dec. 1, 1885, to Dec. 1, 1886,	21,484
" cards issued from Dec. 1, 1885, to Dec. 1, 1886,	296
" books covered,	4,694
Largest number of books taken in any month (March),	2,490
Largest number of books taken in one day (Apr. 3, Feb. 6),	210
By comparing the books taken from the library in 1885 with	

those of 1886, we find the proportion of fiction somewhat lessened, and a larger number of books treating of Natural Science, Mechanics, Fine Arts, etc., taken.

The reference library department has been used more freely while the schools are in session.

The magazines are found to be indispensable in this age, when so many valuable articles on the current topics of the day are so ably discussed by thinking men and women.

The card catalogue did not long anticipate the want of just this aid to the student and literary men with limited time for research.

Our public library, though far from being complete, owing to limited space and funds, has received high commendations from persons visiting it from older and much larger cities, and our citizens are often recommended by them to examine this beginning of an extensive and valuable library and well appointed reading room. It is of great importance to have the best of good things, and it is well to know *how* and *where* they are kept.

The vacancy made by the resignation of Miss Gilmore, Assistant Librarian, waits to be filled.

The Trustees of the Public Library take this opportunity to express their high appreciation of the valuable gift of choice books by Miss E. J. Faulkner, consisting of "Works of Charles Sumner," 15 vols.; "Wraxall's Historical Memoirs," 5 vols.; "Audubon's Birds of America," 8 vols.; "Audubon's Quadrupeds of America," 3 vols.; "Peruvian Antiquities," 2 vols., amounting to the sum of \$350, and they hereby tender to her their hearty thanks for the same.

MRS. M. R. OSBORNE.

D. W. GILBERT.

KATE L. TILDEN.

CHARLES H. HERSEY.

WM. P. CHAMBERLAIN.

E. J. C. GILBERT.

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

I hereby submit the following report of my receipts to date :

Sept. 16, W. H. Cross, reimbursement,	\$8 79
Oct. 4, Wadsworth & Wright, rent,	112 50
Oct. 11, C. W. Wyman, " "	93 75
Nov. 1, Billiard license,	40 00
Nov. 1, A. H. Grimes, rent,	112 50
Nov. 15, Billiard licenses,	56 00
Nov. 17, W. H. Cross, reimbursement,	10 00
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	\$433 54
Deposited with City Treasurer,	433 54
I find by the Treasurer's receipts that the former City Clerk and the City Clerk pro tem.	
had received and deposited	\$1,477 93
	MILTON BLAKE,
	City Clerk.

REPORT OF THE CITY MESSENGER.

To the Honorable City Councils:

I have the honor to submit my report as City Messenger from December 1, 1885, to December 1, 1886:

RECEIVED FOR RENT OF CITY HALL.

For the month of December,	\$123 00
“ “ January,	170 00
“ “ February,	128 50
“ “ March,	86 00
“ “ April,	309 00
“ “ May,	75 00
“ “ June,	28 00
“ “ August,	225 00
“ “ September,	209 00
“ “ October,	165 00
“ “ November,	90 00
Total for year,	\$1,608 50
Paid City Treasurer,	1,608 50
Yours respectfully,	

E. O. KEITH,
City Messenger.

Keene, December 1, 1886.

REPORT OF THE CITY MARSHAL.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

Gentlemen,—I have the honor of presenting for your consideration a portion of the doings and general condition of the police department for the financial year ending Nov. 30, 1886.

The department is composed of a force of twelve men. The working force has been the City Marshal, who is on duty at all times, and one officer detailed as night watchman, the services of special officers being called as occasion seemed to require.

Whole number of arrests has been :

Males,	149
Females,	5
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Total,	154

Offences for which arrests have been made comprise :

Assault,	4
Assault on officer,	3
Arson,	1
Breaking and entering,	2
Brawl and tumult,	2
Cruelty to animals,	1
Common drunkard,	3
Drunkenness,	125
Escaped convicts,	4
Horse stealing,	1
Keeping liquor for sale,	2
Larceny,	3
Rude and indecent conduct,	1
Stubborn child,	1
Insane,	1
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Total,	154

Number of persons applying for and accommodated with food and lodging at the station house has been :

Males,	150
Females,	10
Total,	160

The following are but a small portion of the miscellaneous duties attended to during the year :

Disturbances suppressed,	24
Buildings found open at night and secured,	45
Stray teams found and cared for,	12
Lights left burning by mistake and reported,	15
Parties notified to remove snow from buildings,	16
Fire alarms given,	3
Nuisances reported,	6
Nuisances suppressed,	10
Number of dogs killed,	8
Value of goods found exposed and returned,	\$80 00
Value of stolen property recovered,	120 00

In conclusion I would say that harmony exists among the members of the force and for the prompt and faithful manner in which they have discharged their duties they have my heartfelt thanks, and especially to Mr. J. H. Spofford, the night watchman, I desire to express my acknowledgements for the faithful manner in which he has performed his duties the past year, thereby relieving me of much care and anxiety.

To His Honor the Mayor I am under great obligations for his wise suggestions and counsel. Also to the Board of Aldermen and members of the various departments of the city government for their kindness and courtesy extended to me during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

E. R. LOCKE,

City Marshal.

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR.

To the City Councils:

I respectfully submit the following report:

Keene vs. Lucius C. Doolittle et al. These are suits to recover damages for alleged breach of condition of defendant Doolittle's bonds as City Clerk. They are referred to Hon. H. W. Parker of Claremont, and are continued to the next April term of court. No hearing has been had.

Union School District vs. Keene. Union School District vs. Batchelder et al. These cases were taken to the law term of the Supreme Court. The decision was rendered March 12th, by which the appeal was dismissed and the injunction continued until July 1st, when it was dissolved and the bill dismissed.

Cheshire County vs. Keene. This action has been settled by the payment of thirty-eight dollars in addition to the amount assessed by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

No suits have been commenced against the city during the year, and it is now interested in no proceeding in court except the Doolittle suits.

JOHN T. ABBOTT,
Solicitor.

REPORT OF THE JUSTICE OF POLICE COURT.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen :

The Justice of the Police Court submits the following report for the year ending December 1, 1886 :

The number of civil actions entered, 15; the number of arraignments, 214, for the following causes, to wit :

Murder,	1
Cruelty to animals,	1
Burglary,	1
Evading payment of railroad fare,	1
Being a stubborn child,	1
Rape,	2
Making brawl and tumult,	2
Rude and indecent conduct,	2
Arson,	3
Larceny,	4
Being common drunkards,	4
Assaulting and obstructing officers,	5
Assaults,	15
Violating liquor law,	15
Being drunk,	155
To find sureties of the peace,	2

These cases were disposed of as follows :

Persons sentenced to pay fines,	166
“ sentenced to house of correction,	17
“ held to answer at Supreme Court,	17
“ held to find sureties of the peace,	1
“ not prosecuted to judgment,	10
“ discharged on trial,	2
“ sent to industrial school,	1

Amount of fines imposed by Justice,	\$625 00
“ “ imposed by Special Justice,	19 00
“ “ paid to Justice for city,	444 00
“ “ paid to Justice for prosecutor, half,	25 00
“ “ paid to Special Justice for city,	15 00
Number of persons who paid fines,	128
Number of persons committed for non-payment :	
To jail,	32
To house of correction on conditional sentences,	6

E. FARRAR, Justice.

Keene, December 1, 1886.

REPORT OF THE OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

To the Honorable City Councils:

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit my report as Overseer of the Poor, for the year ending December 1, 1886.

CITY POOR.

Amos Bancroft, meat,	\$58 23
Boston Branch, groceries,	75 58
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	53 28
W. B. Fitch, wood,	20 63
Mason & Wheeler, clothing,	45 40
Mrs. Graves, house rent,	97 40
Amos Foster, house rent, etc.,	34 50
E. W. Holden & Co., boots and shoes,	12 15
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	70 00
D. Callahan, milk furnished,	16 38
A. Blanchard, house rent,	40 00
Mrs. Amos Howard, support,	83 99
John Barnett, support,	164 30
M. Payne, sawing wood,	3 25
Jeffreys, surgical operation and nursing,	67 00
Contingent fund,	19 25
C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes,	24 90
Yardley, wood,	58 17
R. Munsell, wood,	140 63
G. Clasby, sawing wood,	3 75
H. Giffin, H. P. Muchmore, Spencer & Co., coal,	34 52
J. Durand, sawing wood,	24 15
C. Bridgman, groceries,	96 10

Mrs. D. Coffey, house rent,	\$32 42
G. H. Piper & Co., dry goods,	6 32
D. J. Moulton, groceries,	68 08
L. Martin, team,	5 50
G. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries,	73 04
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	79 19
P. Howland, salary,	93 75
P. Howland, cash paid out,	23 93
E. G. Randall, trucking,	46 95
N. H. Asylum, W. H. Pettis,	280 38
N. H. Asylum, Abbie C. Crossfield,	51 47
N. H. Asylum, Ann Gerould,	157 14
N. H. Asylum, Lizzie J. Pierce,	175 20
L. F. Buffum, care E. Ballou,	493 74
John Robbins, care H. Ballou,	125 90
State Industrial School, Langdon boy,	78 00
I. J. Prouty, salary,	37 50
Mrs. J. Amadon, care Mrs. J. O. Amadon, and family,	153 31
Luman Weeks, house rent for E. Greenwood,	15 00
Received of the town of Hinsdale, for support of Mrs. Knapp and family,	106 80
About fifteen dollars due to the 1st of November, 1886, which will reduce the city expenses for the poor about \$122.00,	

Whole amount,	<hr/> \$3,321 68
	122 00
	<hr/> \$3,199 68

COUNTY POOR.

Mrs. B. M. Glennie, nursing Mrs. Bates,	\$7 50
Geo. H. Nims, wood,	31 05
Moses Ellis, house rent,	20 00
L. W. Wilder, wood,	10 00
Samuel Priest, sawing wood,	2 00
Woodbury & Howard, coffin for J. Buckley,	10 00
T. Madden, house rent Mrs. Priest,	13 00

A. Shackley, house rent, John Jolly,	\$ 1 50
F. C. Hardy, goods furnished,	18 95
Fisher & Jackson, casket, Ryan girl,	10 00
J. C. Rice, care of Ryan girl,	9 00
Davis, Wright & Co., L. L. Hubbard,	2 25
P. Quinlan, sawing wood,	1 50
Mr. Shattuck, house rent, Mary Lewis,	7 50
H. Blake, house rent, Mary Lewis,	25 00
Eliza Stone, care G. Rock,	4 00
S. Spaulding, boots and shoes,	44 40
C. Beauregard, wood,	18 75
G. G. Elwell, wood,	30 32
F. Jarvis, board J. Alex and wife,	21 00
F. Gallagher, house rent, C. Gerard,	2 40
J. Heald, care Jane Dawson,	52 00
Knowlton & Stone, account G. Clasby,	1 00
P. Howland, tickets for Priest family,	17 55
Fisher & Jackson, casket, etc., Perry child,	9 00
Mrs. J. A. Rice, house rent, Mrs. Waters,	4 00
A. W. Simmons, care Harry Lowell,	27 32
F. Beal, groceries, F. Aubertin,	1 00
A. H. Hamblet, milk,	5 46
F. H. Wright, boots and shoes,	4 75
J. B. Fisher, boots and shoes,	5 90
Bullard & Foster, medicine,	8 45
Mary Palmer, board, Mrs. Priest,	10 00
C. A. Seward, care Powers children,	2 25
Chase & Richards, clothing,	8 35
J. D. Dunbar, hack hire,	1 00
W. P. Chamberlain, dry goods,	12 97
Dr. G. H. Bridgman, salary,	31 25
C. Holman, milk,	10 56
D. Ellis, cleaning well,	3 00
R. Brooks, house rent, E. M. Gowdy,	17 00
Mrs. Alexander, goods, B. Lavine,	4 91
P. H. Foley, care A. Bingham,	3 00
James O'Rourke, house rent, L. L. Hubbard,	31 32
J. P. Beirne, house rent, D. Gilbo,	6 67

Davis, Wright & Co., repairs,	\$1 25
C. F. Grout, board, Mrs. Mitchell,	6 67
Mrs. L. Richard, board, R. Mitchell,	5 00
Amos Bancroft, meat,	153 99
H. Giffin, coal,	60 07
Boston Branch, groceries,	118 93
P. H. McCushing, groceries,	95 00
E. W. Holden & Co., boots and shoes,	18 65
J. Pageot, house rent, C. C. Sargent,	30 50
Hosea Foster, house rent, C. A. Seward,	36 00
Faulkner & Colony, rent, John Ryan,	54 00
Cheshire R. R., rent, Kate Donovan,	27 00
Mrs. Nahum Wright, care A. Bingham,	65 78
Eda Davis, care Mrs. Sawin,	54 31
Mary Shortall, care self,	38 98
John Rutherford, house rent, D. Cameron,	63 00
Charlotte Huestis, support of self,	35 97
Keziah Billings, support of self,	78 19
S. E. Wyman, care R. Blake,	129 75
John Ellis, support of self,	54 47
G. H. Piper & Co., dry goods,	70 00
G. E. Holbrook & Co., groceries,	104 89
Sylvia Snow, support of self,	69 82
Mrs. Priest,	42 55
A. H. Grimes, groceries,	168 61
L. L. Hubbard,	31 32
E. R. Locke, food furnished,	24 45

NOW DUE THE CITY.

Wood,	\$122 77
Mason & Wheeler, clothing,	72 35
W. G. Hall, dry goods,	11 13
M. Payne, sawing wood,	6 00
Boston Branch, boots and shoes,	15 70
Contingent fund,	17 50
O. S. Tenney, milk for Mrs. Robinson,	9 12
D. J. Moulton, groceries,	103 00
P. Howland, tickets, etc.,	31 53

Mrs. Mitchell, wood,	\$6 74
A. W. Baker, boots and shoes,	18 25
C. M. Cummings, boots and shoes,	52 90
E. G. Randall, trucking wood and goods,	20 50
M. V. B. Clark, groceries,	178 61
S. W. Howard, boots and shoes,	22 85
Mrs. McLaughlin, support of self and family,	24 34
Mrs. A. E. Bennett, hat for Mrs. Priest,	2 00
Bullard & Foster, medicines,	2 35
Mary Donovan, care Kate Jordon,	16 00
Mrs. Emma F. Breed, care G. W. Seward,	17 00
Woodbury & Howard, casket, etc., J. Jolly,	6 00

Whole amount, \$2,953 62

There has been an unusual amount of assistance rendered this year. The Amadon family are new ones, with seven in the family, and are receiving \$20 per month. Also the family of Daniel Coffey are receiving about the same, which adds about \$300 to the expenses. The John Buckley bill is continued, also bill of a few dollars on James Murray's account.

I have engaged 100 cords of green wood, 50 cords of it to be delivered whenever ordered.

P. HOWLAND,

Overseer of the Poor.

REPORT OF THE CITY PHYSICIAN.

To the Honorable City Councils :

In accordance with the city ordinance, I herewith present the tenth annual report of the City Physician.

There has been less sickness among the city poor the past year than in some previous years. Many of the cases that have come under my charge have been of a chronic nature and of elderly people. There have been no births or deaths.

The general good health of our city can in a great measure be attributed to the excellent system of sewerage and to the cleansing of several ditches that previously have been filthy and open. Much has been done by the Board of Health in the past years to improve the sanitary surroundings of many dwellings which before could only have been the breeding places of disease.

During the summer there were several cases of diphtheria in the West Keene district, two of which were fatal. The cause could not be ascertained. With this exception our city has been free from any epidemic, and the number of cases of contagious diseases have been few.

The unfortunate wards of the city have been wisely and humanely cared for by the Overseer of the Poor, to whom I extend my thanks for courtesy shown me at all times.

Very much has been done to relieve the suffering and distress of the needy, and many homes have been brightened by deeds of private benevolence.

Respectfully,

IRA J. PROUTY,

City Physician.

REPORT OF THE HEALTH COMMISSIONERS.

To the Honorable City Councils of the City of Keene :

During the year several deaths from diphtheria have occurred in the west part of the town. We made as thorough an investigation as we could for the cause of the disease, but without success.

There have been quite a large number of other matters to which our attention has been called, but none of them seem to require particular mention.

Respectfully submitted,

IRA J. PROUTY, M. D.,

E. P. DOLE,

MILTON BLAKE,

Health Commissioners.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF WOODLAND CEMETERY.

To the Honorable Board of Mayor and Aldermen:

The following is an account of receipts and expenditures of the Superintendent for the year ending December 16, 1886:

RECEIPTS.

Received for lots,	\$423 25	
“ from C. S. Faulkner fund,	125 00	
“ for pine,	10 35	
		<hr/> \$558 60
Amount in bank Dec. 16, 1885,	\$1,100 27	
Interest to Oct. 1, 1886,	55 14	
Deposited in bank,	5 36	
		<hr/> \$1,160 77
Remaining in bank Dec. 16, 1886,		1,160 77

EXPENDITURES.

Paid E. O. Keith, bill,	\$ 75
Nims, Whitney & Co., bill,	50
Kirk & Sewall, bill,	2 52
Henry Purcell for tools,	5 00
A. P. French for surveying,	18 58
A. L. Harkness for signs,	20 00
E. A. Nims, team work,	4 00
Louis Craig, building fence,	71 17
Charles Giffin, bill,	11 65
Spencer & Co., bill,	6 95

Paid for ladder,	\$2 25
H. O. Spaulding, care West Keene cemetery,	2 00
A. Richardson, labor,	221 00
James Donahue, “	147 87
Thomas Fitzgerald, “	30 00
Dennis O'Brien, “	9 00
Deposited in bank,	5 36
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	\$558 60

In closing my accounts for the year I will say that I have expended about all the money I have collected in repairs on Woodland cemetery, and have also built a new fence around the cemetery on Washington street.

N. G. GURNSEY,
Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY COLLECTOR.

REPORT FOR 1884.

To the Honorable City Councils of the City of Keene:

I have the honor to present my third report as City Collector for 1884:

Balance uncollected Dec. 17, 1885,	\$314 43	
Interest collected,	24 00	
Additions,	160 87	
	<hr/>	\$499 30
Abated,	\$53 27	
Deposited with City Treasurer,	446 03	
	<hr/>	\$499 30

Respectfully submitted,

L. P. ALDEN,

Collector.

Keene, December 16, 1886.

REPORT OF THE CITY COLLECTOR.

REPORT OF WATER RATES.

In Collector's hands, uncollected, December 1,	
1885,	\$589 46
To 33d assessment,	7,294 91
To 34th assessment, June 1, 1886,	8,031 41
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	\$15,915 78
By discount on advance payments,	\$2,733 06
By abatements,	172 98
By cash deposits with City Treasurer,	12,120 00
By balance uncollected,	889 74
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	\$15,915 78

REPORT OF TAXES, 1885.

Amount uncollected December 21, 1885,	\$12,871 83
Amount added on book,	361 04
Amount interest collected,	102 97
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	\$13,335 84
Deposited to December 12,	\$10,800 00
Abated December 16, 1886,	506 75
Deposited December 21, 1886,	429 09
Balance uncollected,	1,600 00
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	\$13,335 84

REPORT OF TAXES, 1886.

Amount given to Collector to collect,	\$77 764 66
Abated December 8,	\$311 86

Amount deposited to December 12,	\$58,300 00
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	\$58,611 86
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Amount deposited since December 12, to date,	\$19,152 80
	5,200 00
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Balance uncollected to date,	\$13,952 80

SAMUEL O. GATES,
Collector.

Keene, December 21, 1886.

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